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Rave Raid Fallout: Charges Raised, Charges Dropped

by Dennis Conkin

Authorities have dropped the most serious charges – felony possession of narcotics and possession of hashish – stemming from the police raid of an invitation-only gay New Year's Eve party at 938 Harrison Street, the *Bay Area Reporter* has learned.

The citizens caught in the raid, however, are continuing to level charges against their arresting officers. Witnesses continue to allege SFPD cops used excessive force, anti-gay and AIDS-phobic slurs, and harassment as they cleared some 500 people from the party.



Nanci Clarence

Eleven people were arrested at the South of Market site, on a variety of charges including public drunkenness, resisting arrest, and

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Stanford Docs Find New Hope in Toxo Fight

by Lidia Wasowicz
UPI Science Writer

PALO ALTO – A newly identified chemical could lead to a drug to fight toxoplasmosis, a widespread parasitic infection that frequently causes dementia in people with AIDS, Stanford University scientists said Monday, January 9.

The drug would work by interfering with the metabolism of the single- celled parasite, Toxoplasma gondii, the researchers report in the *Journal of Biochemical Pharmacology.*

"It has been extremely difficult to develop a drug to fight toxoplasmosis," said Dr. Tag Mansour, professor of molecular pharmacology at Stanford University School of Medicine, who headed the research team.

"One reason is that Toxoplasma and mammalian cells are very similar in many ways – so most drugs that are toxic to Toxoplasma are also toxic to humans. This compound could help us get around that

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SUPES ON!



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Rainy Days and Mondays

Neither one got new gay Supervisor Tom Ammiano and his supporters down as they waited in the cold and wet Jan. 9 for a MUNI bus to take them to City Hall and swearing-in ceremonies.

New Laws for A New Year

by Samuel R. Cacas

With the start of a new year, new legal rights and responsibilities commence. So before your lawyer or someone else's lawyer tells you, here's a rundown of *B.A.R.*-selected newly-effective laws for the state of California that went into effect New Year's Day (unless otherwise indicated):

Hate Crimes and Sex Crimes

• Hate crimes committed because the perpetrator *mistakenly* perceives another person to be a member of legally protected hate crime victims – targeted due to sexual orientation, race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, political affiliation, sex, age, disability, or position in a labor dispute – are now covered by

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Fed Judge: There's No Law Against Same-Sex Harassment

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Tom Ammiano To Be Honored At MLK Breakfast

by Kent Brandley

Coming together and seeking common ground – people who are gay or lesbian, people who are African-American, many who are both, and some who are neither – will join in honoring the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., to be officially recognized this year on Monday, January 16.

An annual MLK Jr. breakfast, at which awards and scholarships will be presented as tangible memorials to the slain civil rights leader, will get underway at 8 a.m. Monday at the Sheraton Palace Hotel, located at 2 New Montgomery Street.

• Newly elected Supervisor Tom Ammiano, who was president of the San Francisco Board of Education, will be honored for excellence in education, Geraldine Johnson, chair of the event, said.

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The Gay Connection to the Massachusetts Abortion Killings

by Karen Ocamb

On December 30 a lone gunman killed two women and wounded five other people in two separate attacks on abortion clinics in Brookline, Massachusetts.

The next day Norfolk, Virginia police arrested John C. Salvi III, whom witnesses identified as the man who shot into a three-story building that housed an abortion clinic there. The license plate of Salvi's truck, police told reporters, matched that of the gunman sought in the Massachusetts murders.

A number of lesbians and gays started paying particular attention to the story as soon as news reports described Salvi as a 22-year-old student hairdresser whom one neighbor called "a wimp ... a sheltered person." In a January 2 *Boston Herald Examiner* story, the neighbor, John Christo, was more specific, noting that Salvi's parents had visited him during Christmas and there had been an argument. "He just didn't want to deal with his parents," Christo is quoted as saying. "They didn't accept him for what he was. He was a fag hair-

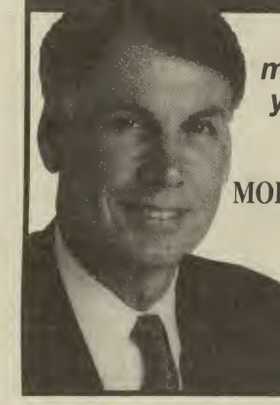
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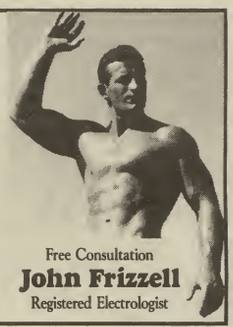
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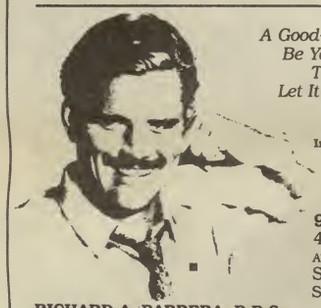
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Guerneville, Russian River Face More Flooding

by Kent Brandley

The National Weather Service is predicting more heavy rain through Friday the 13th, providing little hope to anyone who had hoped for an end to the extensive flooding of the Russian River in Guerneville and surrounding areas. Flooding has been widespread all along the Russian River, which crested at 47.6 feet at the Hacienda Bridge near Guerneville, according to the Sonoma County Emergency Operations Center. That was at least 15 feet above flood stage.

Sonoma County's biggest downpour in nine years brought the Russian River to its highest recorded level ever, beating the previous high set in 1964 – a year of devastating floods.

President Bill Clinton and Governor Pete Wilson declared a state of emergency there, and in 23 other counties of the state.

Five storm-related deaths were reported in Northern California. In Sonoma County, Randy Moore, 39, of Healdsburg was killed in a storm-related auto accident involving a falling tree in Santa Rosa on Mark West Springs Road.

The Army National Guard provided 15 heavy trucks to assist with evacuation of residents. The Red Cross opened emergency shelters at Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Building, the Sebastopol Veterans Memorial Building, and the Petaluma Community Center.

As of Monday, an estimated 133 residents from the Guerneville area were evacuated by air. An additional 235 residents were evacuated through the Occidental staging area. Six people were transported to medical facilities for various injuries.

Schools were closed and mail service suspended.

As much as 4.3 additional inches of rain had been forecast for Wednesday. But authorities said Wednesday morning the flood water had receded about nine feet and flood level was around 39 feet. The Sonoma County Emergency Operations Center recommended that residents evacuate, and advised that the Russian River area is closed to all incoming traffic other than emergency services personnel.

Guerneville had become a virtual ghost town by Monday afternoon. Roads were closed throughout the area, and telephones were out early this week, making it difficult to assess extent of flood damage.

The Sonoma County Department of Health cautioned residents in the flood area to drink or cook only with chlorinated, bottled, or boiled water, and to discard all food that has come in contact with flood water.

Nancy Guilbault, with Pacific Gas and Electric, said Monday that 12,000 customers in the area are without power.

A call went out for volunteer nurses, paramedics, and other health professionals. ▼

■ Qualified volunteers are asked to contact the Volunteer Center of Sonoma County at (707) 573-3399.

They were specifically asked not to contact the Health Services Department, which is apparently swamped.

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of San Francisco is accepting contributions for flood relief, and may be contacted at 814 Mission Street, Suite 300, San Francisco 94103.

All checks should be clearly marked "Flood Relief."

Ryan White Prospects Brighten

by Mary Ann Swissler
East Bay Correspondent

Republicans who just weeks ago promised to ax the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resource Emergency (CARE) Act were just crying wolf, according to CARE Coalition director Regina Aragón. In Washington, D.C. this week to lobby Congress on AIDS issues, Aragón told the *B.A.R.* that opposition to refunding the $600 million in Ryan White funds has evaporated.

"We do know that Sen. [Nancy] Kassebaum, who is the chair of the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee, which used to be chaired by Senator Kennedy, has, in different meetings, indicated that they fully intend to move ahead on reauthorization this year."

This week Aragón is meeting with The Four Title Coalition, a cross section of groups benefiting from the four funding components of Ryan White, and said the crucial challenge will be to maintain the involvement of the community in the existing programs.

Aragón explained that lobbying efforts to refund Ryan White before the closure of the 103rd Congress failed because of poor timing, not from Republican stonewalling. She said when the grass-roots machinery was activated it was quite successful – legislators said they were astounded by the flood of phone calls and letters from the public about keeping Ryan White.

At the time, said Aragón, Kassebaum told them that she'd remain committed. "I really think she's just coming through and keeping her word, it's not necessarily something new."

But the battle is far from over. "It's going to be an incredible challenge and a very difficult fight for the community," once it reaches the Senate floor. "There are a lot of broader trends that don't necessarily work in our favor, but what we have to keep reminding ourselves and the Congress is that this was always a bipartisan bill." Only eight of the bill's original 64 sponsors lost in recent elections, and many of these were Republican, she said.

Ryan White programs make up $630 million of the national AIDS budget. Locally, San Francisco County received $40 million and Alameda and Contra Costa Counties received a combined $3.9 million last year.

In related legislation, Aragón said the AIDS community was relieved to learn that HOPWA (Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS) will remain in President Clinton's budget package. But again, activists are concerned about what form that will take. "That's a significant victory, but what is less certain is whether it will be funded at an adequate level," she said, speculating that parts of the old HOPWA could emerge as part of HUD's reorganization. ▼

New Treatment for CMV Retinitis

A new drug-releasing implant can effectively prevent the onset of cytomegalovirus (CMV) retinitis, a potentially blinding eye disorder that affects one quarter of all AIDS patients.

The four millimeter device, called a ganciclovir implant, is implanted into the eye, where it steadily releases the antiviral drug ganciclovir over several months. Researchers from the U.S. National Institutes of Health studied patients who had just been diagnosed with a CMV infection in the eye. All of the patients who received the implant showed no worsening of the infection after eight months. Patients who received no treatment saw their infections worsen in 15 days.

The new treatment is a much better option to the current method, which forces patients to have intravenous ganciclovir every day for the rest of their lives. ▼

– Lisa Seachrist
UPI Science Writer

Mineta To Speak at GAPA Banquet

by Dennis Conkin

Congressman Norm Mineta will be the keynote speaker at the seventh anniversary banquet marking the founding of Gay Asian and Pacific Alliance this Saturday, January 14.

The banquet will kick off at the Ana Hotel, located at Third and Market streets, with a no-host cocktail reception starting at 6 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m.

GAPA is a community-based organization whose mission is to empower, organize, and support gay and bisexual Asian and Pacific Islander men in the San Francisco Bay Area.

The group publishes the cutting-edge newsletter *Lavender Godzilla* and also operates The Community HIV Project, which provides HIV prevention and AIDS outreach and support services to Asian and Pacific Island residents of San Francisco.

Mineta has been a member of the House of Representatives since 1974 and a longtime supporter of gay and lesbian civil and human rights causes.



Rep. Norm Mineta

Last August, Mineta spoke in favor of a controversial resolution before the Japanese American Community League, which called on the JACL to support same-sex marriages.

The measure was later adopted, and became the first such resolution by any national civil rights group.

"We are honored by the continued support of Congressman Mineta and his staff with the many key issues and legislation that affect our communities. He has proven to be an ally not only to the queer community but has been a leader in supporting Asian causes and is a strong advocate for AIDS funding," said GAPA co-chair Steve Takemura.

The program will include the GAPA Men's Chorus, the GAPA Dance Company, and The Joy of Camp. The program also features the Mistress and Master of Ceremonies, Miss April Fresh (First Princess in Perpetuity) and Leo Joslin, Political Affairs chair. ▼

■ **Tickets are $50 for GAPA members and supporters; guests and non-member tickets are available for $60. Royal Tables are still available for $700. Tickets are available at the door. For more reservations or more information call: 282-GAPA. Ethnic attire is welcomed.**

AIDS Activists Protest at Wilson Inauguration

by Karen Ocamb

The Saturday, January 7 swearing in of California Governor Pete Wilson was greeted with great enthusiasm by 2,500 of his mostly white Republican supporters. But outside Sacramento's Community Center, where the "tough-love governor" spoke of welfare cuts and illegal immigrants, some 300 protesters crowded police lines to demonstrate against Wilson policies.

Lesbian Avengers and ACT UP/Golden Gate protesters from San Francisco joined AIDS activists from ACT UP/LA and AIDS Healthcare Foundation, as well as pro-choice and youth groups plus scores of demonstrators from the United Farms Workers and other groups still outraged by Wilson's support for the anti-illegal immigrant Prop. 187. But typically, it was the AIDS protesters who put in the longest day.

When ACT UP/LA arrived at the protest site, the group's Jeff Schuerholz told the *B.A.R.*, "We were some of the first ones there. We were told to stay on the other side of the street, and there were horse brigades between us and the audience going in."



Photo: Rob Nava

Protesters from ACT UP/LA and San Francisco's Lesbian Avengers provided a contrasting view of Governor Wilson on the day of his swearing in.

Then, Schuerholz said, "All of a sudden we heard all this noise - lots of drums and singing and over the hill came these groups dressed in colorful costumes and with signs, old people and young people - it was very cool."

For about two hours, representatives from the different groups spoke from a stage sound system set up for the protest. The speeches were punctuated with chants decrying Wilson's positions - or anticipated positions – on issues that included prison reform, the poor, Prop. 187, and AIDS. "The best thing was that we felt really united with the other groups," Schuerholz said. At one point the protesters cut the police lines and took the streets, creating tension as they pushed towards the police. When the cops issued an order for the protesters to disperse, many of the demonstrators turned the protest into a march. There were no arrests.

"I think it's going to be really tough for people with AIDS under Wilson," Schuerholz said. "He vetoed needle exchange three times. He's encouraging mandatory HIV testing legislation, which will cause a lot of problems. He vetoed domestic partnership, which hurts people who want to visit people with AIDS in the hospital.

"We also protested about what's happening to people in prison and how being HIV-positive is a death sentence for those people.

"For the first time, it's really clear how everything is interconnected. But I'm very discouraged about how activism has disappeared here."

Still, Schuerholz said, the spirit of activism wasn't completely dead, and he had special praise for some San Francisco protesters. "It was fun to see how other people demonstrated," he said. "The Lesbian Avengers were great.

"They were dressed up like bombs with Shriner's hats as fuses, and they wore signs that said, 'Be the bomb you want to throw.'" ▼



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Photo: Rick Gerharter

Over 600 parents and their kids turned out for the first Lesbian and Gay Family Brunch last Saturday at the First Unitarian Church in SF. Besides food there were games, raffles, awards and the premiere of the video, *Both of My Moms' Names Are Judy! Children of Lesbians and Gays Speak Out.*

Gay Families Chow Down

by Kent Brandley

For every action, Newton said, there is an equal and opposite reaction. Perhaps the same is true of groups. For instance, most people in the community have heard of PFLAG – Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays – but most are less well acquainted with its counterpart group COLAGE, or Children Of Lesbians and Gays Everywhere.

Yes, gay and lesbian men and women do have children and do have families. In recognition of that fact, COLAGE was started in 1988 and now has over 1,000 members across the nation.

Stefan Lynch, the son of a lesbian mom and a gay dad, is director of COLAGE. He said that there hadn't been a large gathering for lesbian and gay families in the Bay Area for at least seven or eight years, until last Saturday, January 7, when over 500 people attended the lesbian and gay family brunch at the First Unitarian Church in San Francisco.

Lynch, still elated with the success of the gathering, said, "We were overwhelmed with the number of people who showed up."

An annual conference, several newsletters, and 25 affiliate groups are all part of the COLAGE network, according to Lynch. The group's simple yet powerful theme is "Love Makes a Family!" ▼

■ For more information on COLAGE contact Stefan Lynch at (415) 861-KIDS.

Gay Jewish Tribes To Convene in Saratoga

by Kent Brandley

Registration for the Members of the Tribes Conference is now underway, according to Michael A. Latz, the conference coordinator.

A program of the Hillel Foundation at Stanford University, the conference is for lesbian, gay, and bisexual college students and young adults. It is scheduled for the weekend of March 3 through 5, 1995 at UAHC Camp Swig in Saratoga, about an hour south of San Francisco.

The weekend of socializing, workshops, programs, discussions, and informal networking will bring together an anticipated 100 lesbian, gay, and bisexual Jews from around the Bay Area and all of California. ▼

MEMBERS OF THE TRIBES CONFERENCE

Speakers will include:

- Audrey Covner, former chair of the AIDS LIFE Lobby.
- Yoel Kahn, rabbi, Congregation Sha'ar Zahav, San Francisco.
- Jonathan Katz, founder of the Harvey Milk Institute.
- Stacy Offner, rabbi, Congregation Shir Tikvah, Minneapolis.
- J. B. Sacks-Rosen, rabbi, Congregation B'nai Jacob, Jersey City, New Jersey.

Workshops will include:

- Dating, relationships and sexual ethics.
- Jewish lesbian, gay and bisexual heroes and heroines: past and present.
- Famous Jewish lesbians.
- Building gay, lesbian, bisexual leadership.
- Spirituality in our lives.

Activities at the Members of the Tribes Conference will include drama and music workshops, hiking, gay and lesbian Jewish cooking, celebrating Shabbat, and a Saturday Evening Extravaganza.

■ For more information, or to participate, contact Michael A. Latz, conference coordinator at (415) 723-1602.

What's Planned for June? A World Without Borders

by Kent Brandley

The 1995 version of the world's largest queer freedom day parade – to be held next Father's Day (Sunday, June 18) in San Francisco – will have the theme "A World Without Borders."

A total of 22 different themes were suggested, but the choice was narrowed to two after a process of elimination on January 8, at the regularly scheduled second Sunday general membership meeting of what is known officially – if somewhat ponderously – as "The San Francisco Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transsexual, Transgender Freedom Day Parade and Celebration Committee."

"World Without Borders" edged out "Pride: From Silence to Celebration" by one vote. The meeting, attended by about 30 people (of whom 15

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GGBA Elects '95 Officers

by Kent Brandley

With considerable optimism in 1995 as a year of "immense growth" in San Francisco, the Golden Gate Business Association has elected officers to guide the nation's first gay and lesbian Chamber of Commerce during its 21st year.

Michael Patterson, who served GGBA as president during the latter half of 1994, was elected president for 1995; Richard Schober will be vice president for development; Joel Goodrich was elected vice president for programs; Catherine Lyons was chosen corporate secretary and director of communications; and John Vieira was elected treasurer and director of administration/finance.

Patterson said he was pleased with GGBA's accomplishments to date, and excited about prospects for the future. "1995 will be a year of immense growth and refinement for the GGBA in four major areas," Patterson said.

- The scope and quality of services for members will be enhanced;
- The organization's commitment to human rights will be more visible and service to the community more intense;
- Internal administration will be streamlined for efficiency, quality and economy; and
- A program to improve GGBA's financial stability will be implemented.

Serving on the 1995 Board of Directors are Billy Allen (Granny's Movers), Mary T. George (Tile by George!), Gary Godbey (Pioneer Printing), Roland Jadryev (Mason McDuffie Real Estate) , Scott Plakun (Productive Strategies), and J. Fred Stark Jr. (Boas and Boas CPAs).

Board members will have specific areas of responsibility, Patterson said.

Allen will direct his energies toward community relations, George will head East Bay Programs, Godbey will concentrate on special events, Jadryev on education, Plakun on productive strategies and membership and Star on member business development.

Patterson and the board said Tony Vedda will continue in his capacity as executive director of the Golden Gate Business Association.

GGBA has a long history of "firsts" in the gay and lesbian community. It created the first "gay United Way" when, in 1979, it founded the GGBA Foundation, now The Horizons Foundation.

Some programs and organizations which either received seed money or were assisted from GGBA/Horizons Foundation grants include: San Francisco AIDS Foundation, Project Open Hand, Lyon Martin Women's Health Services, and Theatre Rhinoceros.

GGBA published the first gay and lesbian business directory in 1977 and in 1993 established the first gay and lesbian 24-hour business referral hotline, creating an easy way for members of the community to be referred to GGBA's gay/lesbian supportive business members.

In 1993 GGBA also produced the Bay Area's first gay and lesbian business exposition. The Exposition drew hundreds of visitors and media attention from across the nation. ▼

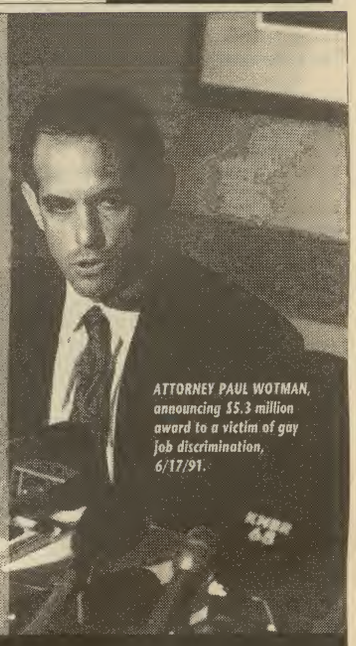


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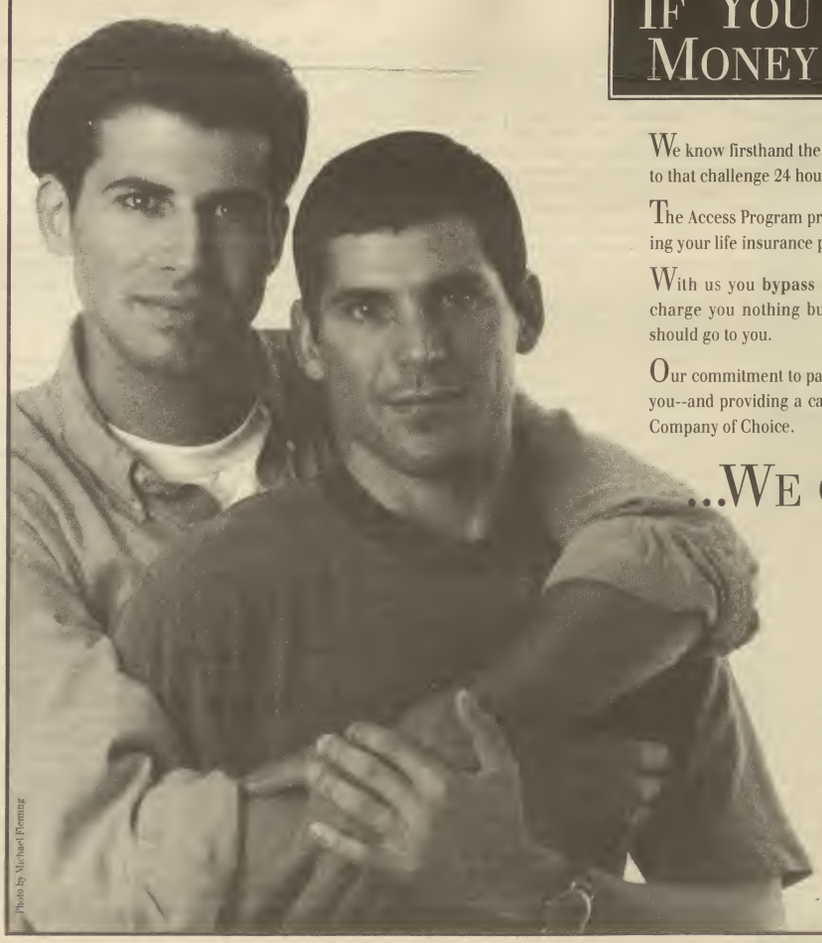
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EDITORIAL

Facing the Storms

Our hearts go out to those who have lost their homes and property (and in five cases, their lives) in the Russian River flooding. It's always a surprise how fierce nature can be and how powerless we are to control it.

Now that Governor Wilson has been re-sworn at – er, *in* – and the Newtron bomb has landed in Washington, its time to assess some of nature's other forces before the whole country has to be declared a disaster area. The first, of course, is the extremely potent force known as hunger.

There are those who will say this isn't a gay topic, but like the Guerneville flooding, it's a subject no one who lives in its path can escape, and we feel compelled to say something about it. With the headlong rush to enact welfare reform – as loaded a phrase as any we've heard since "gay agenda" – we suspect the end result is going to be a worsening of the quality of life for absolutely everyone.

Everyone knows that even well behaved puppies get irrational when they're starving. We all expect babies who are hungry to cry. We even say, " Oh, poor dear, you're just hungry," to those infants and animals, and know that it isn't reasonable to expect them to behave the same way they would if there were enough food in their bellies. But for some reason, the United States of America seems to believe the same does not hold true for humans past a certain age.

When we hear suggestions to simply cut off funding for kids and parents who have no other means of support, we wonder what those advocates are thinking. Do they really believe that lecturing those starving people on the morality of theft is going to curtail the crime that seems like such an obvious outcome of those policies? That when there are not enough jobs to go around now, *and Wall Street practically commits suicide every time more jobs are created*, that those people are going to find a magic way to supplement their own incomes without disturbing the rest of us? It's a nice fantasy, but it's no more realistic than the efforts of England's King Canute, who once waded into the water and ordered the tide back. (Just ask any resident of Guerneville how well that works.)

Such simplistic remedies to human problems are (almost) laughable here at the end of this millenium; one would think we as a society would know better. We have ample evidence – courtesy of our own Canute, Ronald Reagan – that poverty leaves a very wide path of destruction for *everyone*. The quality of life that exists in San Francisco now is very different than it was before Reagan shredded the safety net, and that applies as much to the wealthiest resident as to the poorest. Every time we are panhandled; every time the ragged person next to a parking space menacingly suggests a donation for protection of the car we park there; every time a tourist leaves town vowing never to return because it isn't what it was, we all lose.

And it will only get worse if welfare is simply eliminated instead of reformed.

As we have already said, it may not seem like a gay or lesbian issue, but we are all in this melting pot together, and even if we feel that too much welfare money disappears through waste and fraud, we think it would be a mistake to let Wilson, Gingrich and the rest take a hacksaw to America's support systems.

One final note, speaking of Gingrich: we are not surprised that he is the type to call Hillary a bitch, or that his mother is, well, like she is. To tell the truth, we *only want* first ladies who would prompt "Newty" to curse them.

Just as, we have to admit, we *prefer* presidents who are really "draft-dodging, pot-smoking, gay-loving liberals."

If only we had one... ▼

GUEST OPINION

Hey, Bill, Why Didn't You Give Elders a Hand?

by **Dr. Diane A. Bogus**
Woman in the Moon Publications

Cupertino, CA

Dear President Clinton:

I was astonished and angered to learn that you fired Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders. It was an unkind, close-minded, and thoughtless act for a man who says he is of the people, for a man who says he wants to give the power back to the people, and for a man who believes in family values and Christian charity (a thing which begins at home). As a matter of fact, it was the turncoat act of a ruthless, cowardly, two-faced politician who in the calculated guise of John Kennedy and with the selling smile of Colonel Sanders persuaded me and others like to me to vote for you, only to find that you turn on us when the winds of change ruffle the clothes on your party's line.

It appears to me that instead of appointing a surgeon general who could make waves for the ships of the future to come in on, you appointed someone whom you expected not to rock the boat. You gave her that position to make the face of your cabinet *look* like America looks: multicultural, multiracial, multiethnic, multiopinionated, and multitalented.

I believe you just wanted to appear to be a maverick. You stacked the card deck that you were going to play with so that you'd have a royal flush – and you misplayed it.

Mr. Clinton, you have no respect for free speech, no respect for honesty, no respect for opinion, and obviously no respect for Dr. Elders. I do not believe you have any respect for your own beliefs. No matter what Dr. Elders says, you have the right to say it is not official policy, but that you put her in office to think freshly about old problems. You do not have to fire her for thinking!

My God, when will America stop being so paranoid about sex, about simple discussion, whether it be drugs, the acts of oppressive religious organizations, or what is necessary to curriculum in today's schools, whether elementary, junior high, secondary or college level.

As a teacher, I see that we must start to really teach a viable and different curriculum to truly educate the youth. They need to know about their bodies early on, they need to know that sex isn't dirty and can be spoken about without censure; they need to learn this from home, school, and church.

What more harm can having this knowledge do that we aren't already suffering from? More teenage pregnancies? A greater incidence of AIDS among youth? More venereal disease? More smut whispered on the school stairwells, written on school walls, or passed in steamy little notes around a classroom? I think not. If school-aged people have caused us to rate movies for their consumption, affix warning labels on the recordings of their favorite musicians, and actively court their minds to assure success in this new computer age, made us teach them about the necessity of using condoms, the danger of stranger abduction, date rape, and binge drinking, then they're smart enough to be told human truths – some seeming quite radical but appropriate to these times.

The time will come when what Dr. Elders suggested about teaching the children masturbation will prove to be an openly viable deterrent and alternative to early sex, youth pregnancy, and the risk of disease or death. Mark these words. In the meantime, it seems you're dedicated to keeping the status quo in this area. What a pity. And what a pity that an appointment to a seat of power means that a person has none at all.

In your firing her, I see a black woman being scapegoated to the conservative right, to those new Republicans who have just crowded into the seats of Congress and who will give you grief at every turn. Perhaps you think firing Dr. Elders will protect your image or make them feel you are less a liberal, less moderate. It won't. All it will do is what it has done, and that is show you for what you are – a powerless, unkind, close-minded, thoughtless, ideological turncoat, sacrificing the hope of the new for the foul grace of the old. I feel sorry for you. But not enough to vote for you again. And I'm going to talk about this to my friends and anyone who will listen, because you are not an honorable man.

It appears you think we African-American women and men, Maya Angelou, Aretha Franklin, Whoopi Goldberg, Little Richard, Wynton Marsalis are good enough to entertain you, but not good enough to inspire political and domestic right action. You're mistaken. We are not scraping, dancing jigaboos in Southern blackface trying to make the massa smile because our lives depend upon it. No, we have come of age in this country, and we won't be duped by any more two-faced white men like you. The world has a majority of people of color; it is a matter of time before we will assume enough power to change business as usual in the White House, and in the world.

I realize I have not been charitable or forgiving in this letter. You do not have to forgive me. And my rage will subside enough for me to pray for you, the people of this country, and Dr. Elders. Meanwhile, just know that if I am feeling this outraged and betrayed, there are thousands more like me. ▼

LETTERS

Golden Gate Gratitude

There are many times in our lives when we are presented with opportunities to say or do the things that we should. However when we miss these chances we look to find a way to rectify the situation.

Such is my case. I was given the chance to say thank you and job well done to a person who I consider a close personal friend. This person was and is always there for me. When three of our club members took the walk from this life to the next he was there. His words of comfort and encouragement are an inspiration to all men.

This man when asked has never said no. He is always there to be a mentor, companion, friend, or confidant.

I can never express how sorry I am that I forgot at our recent anniversary to say two words and that was Thank You.

I would like to take this chance and in this forum to say, "Dale Suess, thank you," for everything that you have done. You have started us on the road to be the best that we can possibly be. You have given me the inspiration that I have talent and that I can follow in your footsteps, and do anything that I put my mind and heart into.

Again, Dale, I want to say thank you very much.

Bob Roder
President, Golden Gate Guards
El Sobrante, CA

Learn Some Compassion

[The following letter was sent to Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich:]

Dear Newt Gingrich,

You have shared your ideas of what family is and is not.

You've said that it's time to clear up the ludicrous idea that a family is anything but a man and a woman joined in marriage. You said that this is what the moral foundation and strength of our country rely on.

Yet, I read that you arrived at your wife's hospital bed as she received chemotherapy for her cancer, to serve her divorce papers!

What kind of love are you talking about? What kind of loyalty is that? Where is the moral strength?

I know gay couples who were together a matter of months before one of them received an AIDS diagnosis. They walked the next beautiful, yet awful years, hand and hand, until one of them died. At times, there was no birth family to be found.

Please let us teach you what family is.

Gay people have welcomed into their homes the families that have scorned us and our relationships our entire lives so that they could heal and make amends.

Please let us teach you the gift of forgiveness.

I know a couple that had been together for eight years before they both tested HIV+ on the same day. And how they cared for one another for the next six years, finally dying within months of each other, just weeks after their wedding. And the one friend said to me each time we spoke, "How did I get so lucky? How did I get this beautiful relationship with this beautiful man?"

Did you feel that way about your wife?

Please let us teach you about loyalty and courage.

I've been in the room where a dying friend's final prayer was for others suffering to be lifted, and where, at the time of death, there was joy. What there was, was a room filled with spirit, gratitude and faith.

Have you ever experienced anything like that?

Please let us teach you about God.

I know hundreds of HIV- gay people around this country that have dedicated their lives – endless waking hours, bringing care and hope to strangers afflicted by this disease.

Can you imagine yourself in their place?

Please let us teach you about unconditional love.

It only takes one – just one – one time in some hospital room, or one couple sharing their deaths, or one volunteer's amazing dedication – you only have to see one to experience the breaking open of a heart of steel.

Please let us teach you about the breaking and making of a heart!

Please come and meet my friends.

Let them show you who they really are.

Listen to their stories.

Let them show you their family photo albums.

Let them tell you what it was like, and how much they miss the love they once had... And how much it still hurts.

Let them cry with you.

I say to you, sir, that your life will not be the same.

Gregg Cassin
Founder and President,
The San Francisco Center for Living

Number One Bigot Responds

[The following letter was sent to John Garcia in response to a letter Mr. Garcia sent to Senator Jesse Helms (see Letters, Dec. 8):]

Dear Mr. Garcia,

When you become a bit more mature, I hope you will learn something about civility. There are plenty of people with whom I disagree, but it has never once occurred to me to write an abusive, childish letter such as the one you wrote to me.

If you care to make an inquiry of me about any issue, and do it with common courtesy, I'll be glad to respond.

Sen. Jesse Helms
Washington, D.C.

Bigger (70mm) Is Better

Thanks to the Blumenfeld brothers for finally putting in 70mm projectors at the Castro. It was so sad to see a 35mm copy of *Baraka* at the Castro earlier this year, when it was one of the few movies filmed with 65mm equipment, not just blown up from 35mm to make a grainy 70mm. It will be great to see some of the 70mm prints with 6 track magnetic stereo on the big Castro screen.

I hope the next upgrade will be new seats, not just a cover over. 1920 seats don't go in the '90s. Also, new stereo surround speakers need to be installed. Most people have better stereo surround sound in their homes than the bookcase surround sound at the Castro.

Tell the Blumenfelds you want new seats and sound. The Castro is one of the top rep houses in the USA. It makes a lot of money, so put some back into the place.

Terry Monohan
San Francisco

Hot Date in Marin

Thank you for the extremely kind profile of me in the December 22 *B.A.R.* Reading it made me blush, but then I thought, *hey – if this doesn't get me a great date, nothing will!*

One thing I wanted to clarify: The group for lesbian seniors at Spectrum meets under the name WHIM (there are many wonderful interpretations of what the letters stand for.) It is not run under the name Gay Men of Marin, although we do have some meetings of GMOM where women (and people of all ages) are very welcome.

Again, thank you for printing so many nice things about me and the Sierra Club. If some wonderful guy introduces himself to me because of your generous article, I'll let you know.

On second thought, maybe I'll keep it to myself.

Jeff Golden
Mill Valley, CA

On-Line Bigotry

Several weeks ago I was given a gift of PRODIGY, the Computer On-Line Service. As an America On-Line user as well as, locally, STUDS/BBS, I am always happy to add more Internet information services.

A few days ago I logged on to the CHAT /MEMO section of PRODIGY and found homophobic messages on the "Men Meeting Men" board. I explored further and found veiled and not so veiled hate messages on the AIDS/MEMO board. One identified "straight" individual who calls himself Ed Leib mused about Pedro Zamora's recent death as a lesson learned about "fornication." Mr. Leib has many messages on this board.

What was the last straw for me was yesterday when I logged on to PRODIGY to read a review of *Interview With The Vampire*. The reviewer, identified only as HFDJ78A, comments personally in brackets about the film throughout the review. About the location (San Francisco, where else?); about Tom Cruise and Brad Pitt (every homosexual's dream conquest); about the Cruise/Pitt family (striking a blow for "alternative lifestyles") – their quotation marks.

I hope that everyone who has PRODIGY On-Line will let them know how we feel about the hate messages and their lack of control over these message areas. I have already sent them my feelings.

Michael T. Roper
San Francisco, CA

P.S. I would really like to see a column in your newspaper devoted to the On-Line Services of the Internet.

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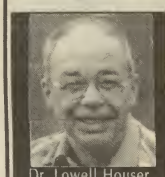
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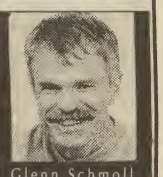
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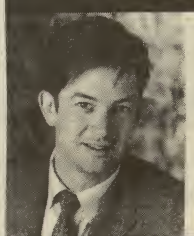
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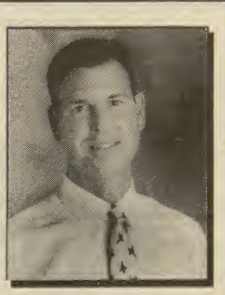
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LETTERS

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Polk Street Pride

Poor, run-down Castro, fallen to the blight that befalls the entire city of San Francisco. But please, don't compare it to my beloved Polk St. Recent articles and letters to the editor address the issue of the sad state of Castro Street. I hear, however, a reoccurring statement, "Don't let Castro become another Polk St." That is very misleading. The size of the Polk district is over five times that of the Castro. The density of population is much greater, and the number of businesses would fill a small Midwest city. Polk St. has never had the gay mecca exclusivity the Castro has become. Polk St. does, however, have many gay owned and operated businesses.

Polk St. has a strong merchants association that addresses the needs of residents and business. Polk St. is a community of diverse races, genders, religions and incomes. To the south we border the most economically depressed areas of San Francisco; to the north, the two wealthiest. In two years our crime rate has dropped dramatically because of the "cooperation" of merchants and residents alike. The problems of Castro St. are not that great and don't even compare in the size and nature of what Polk St. has had to contend with in the past decade.

If there is garbage on your sidewalks, clean it up. If there are beggars on your street, don't give them money. If you don't have a unified voice, then organize. If you can't say something nice about another person or neighborhood, then shut the hell up!

Tom Torstenson
San Francisco

Smoking Controversy

Your December 8th issue contains a letter by Raymond P. Sasso which erroneously refers to smoking as a "right of choice" which is being threatened by "rabid anti-smokers and their Nazi health police attitudes "

First, smoking is not a neutral habit without consequence to users and non-users and cannot, therefore, be regarded simply as a matter of personal preference. Smoking is actually an addictive form of self-poisoning which has measurable adverse consequences on non-smokers as well.

Second, there is no societal responsibility to facilitate pathological behavior by our neighbors. There is no "right" to smoke and cause injury and discomfort anymore than there is "right" of industry to pollute our air, water, or land in the process of manufacturing. Indeed, precisely the opposite values and behavior are affirmed in law and morality, namely the obligation of society to protect its members from harm. We simply do not assert either in law or morality the macabre concept of equal standing between the perpetrator and the victim of injury. When, as in this instance, personal behavior directly and adversely affects the health of other persons, absence of concern from the culpable party is hardly a valid response.

Third, we have no moral or civic obligation to neighbors who prefer to remain indifferent to health hazards of smoking. We have no obligation to make the self-destructive habit easier to pursue and, more importantly, we have no duty to passively ingest some degree of the poison into our own bodies in order to demonstrate our commitment to individual freedom. If our neighbors wish to deliberately endanger their health and continue their addiction to nicotine, they are free to do so in the privacy of their smoke-filled homes.

Ernie Lazar
San Francisco

Torture By Tenor

Please stop the madness. There must be some way to make them go away! Help! Screech!

I am talking, of course, about the endless repeats on KQED of the ghastly "Three Tenors Concert." I would be willing to start a special fund for KQED with a large contribution on the promise we would never have to see its tackiness ever again.

These three had no idea what they were doing. Placido was, of course, sight reading. Pavarotti, who cannot read music, even "Moon River," was busy looking at the words, or at the signs they held up to tell him if it was a "happy" or a "sad" song.

Mamma mia!

Gordon Salter
San Francisco

Social Insecurity

The Triumvirate of the Confederacy, Sen. Thurmond, Sen. Helms and Rep. Gingrich, along with their fellow Congressional reactionaries, have proposed denying all immigrants federal benefits, such as Social Security.

This would mean that legal immigrants, like my mother, a refugee from the Holocaust and an American citizen who has paid into Social Security for over 25 years, earning the usual meager women's wages as a bookkeeper, would be denied the fruits of her labor because the rich would rather scapegoat those of us who work for a living than solve economic problems, none of which have anything to do with immigrants, legal or illegal.

The First Generation after the Holocaust/World War II, including myself, has already suffered from Congressional scapegoating, when the maximum benefit age for Social Security was raised to 66 or 67, depending on whether one was born before or after 1960. Congress wants to raise the maximum benefit age to 70 and eliminate Section 8 subsidized housing. Obviously, if Congress were concerned about serving the people, the mandatory retirement age for everyone, including members of Congress, would be lowered to age 60, with full Social Security and housing payments, and guaranteed medical care for all, old and young.

If this vicious attack on the working class is not stopped immediately, I suggest everyone study closely the first two paragraphs of the Declaration of Independence.

Lee Heller
San Francisco

Innovative Housing Abuses

During the last ten or twelve years, the increasing scarcity and rising cost of housing in the Bay Area have compelled more and more renters to share the available rentals, thus splitting one exorbitant rent among three or more individual tenants. The practice, born of necessity, leads to overcrowding and the discomfort and inconvenience of sharing a single housing unit with strangers. The only and great advantage is the sharing of an enormous rent and high utility bills.

For the past eleven years a nonprofit corporation, Innovative Housing, Inc., has tried to assist low-income people by introducing them to the shared-housing lifestyle. The IH San Francisco regional office has recently been exposed to the harsh glare of publicity painfully focussed on two aspects of this charity: the vacancy charge by which low-income IH tenants are forced to pay for rooms they do not occupy, and the agency's insistence on its right to select new housemates for any of its seventeen leaseholds in the city. In one notorious case, a man with AIDS dementia began his tenancy in an IH residence last November 1993, whence he was removed, desperately ill, by his family in the middle of February 1994. The agency summoned police to escort this new tenant into his quarters; the IH staff then abandoned that household – the PWA was given *no* care or nursing. Luckily, neither of the other two tenants got physically hurt, but a number of windows were broken and once the PWA attempted to set the house on fire.

Innovative Housing can create misery in the households they supervise through the mean and uncharitable vacancy charge, usually followed by a belligerent 3-Day Notice To Pay Or Quit, and through their tyrannical monopoly over choice of tenants. They logically selected an unfortunate, desperately sick AIDS patient to harass and terrorize a nervous old lady; after his departure, IH chose a reformed drunkard who liked to entertain whores. Both the ex-alcoholic and his girlfriends could be depended upon to create a filthy mess in the common areas, especially the kitchen. As a consequence, the old lady was forced to leave her pleasant room, where she had lived harmlessly enough for more than three years. She is now renting a cheap room in a crowded house near the Cow Palace. She feels strongly that her persecutors at Innovative Housing should be punished for what they did, but she suspects that they will not be punished at all.

Mrs. C. E. Kuruppu
San Francisco

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The Bitter End

Commentary

Huff's last stand: Representative Michael Huffington, playing the "sour-grapes kid" to the very end, still has not conceded that he came up 165,562 votes short in his effort to buy Dianne Feinstein's U.S. Senate seat, *despite having spent close to $30 million of his family's money.* Even some of his Republican friends are snickering that "Mike has become the king of the poor losers" and have been privately advising him to stop acting like a spoiled little rich kid and show some class by congratulating the senator.

Feinstein, meanwhile, took her oath of office last week along with her Democratic and GOP colleagues. She was seated "without prejudice," meaning that she may function while the Senate considers a challenge to her election by Huffington, who is still whining that there was "widespread voter fraud."

The Constitution gives the Senate ultimate authority in deciding the outcome of contested elections, and while the majority of the Senate Rules Committee is now Republican, few if any in Washington (in either the media or the GOP-controlled Senate), are giving Huffington's claim of fraud much chance of going anywhere. One respected Republican senator was heard on the Senate floor commenting that "this guy [Huffington] should stop his continual crying and admit it: he got beat."

With the presidential election already looming next year, Texas Senator Phil Gramm, an anti-gay conservative, is announcing his candidacy next week, making him the first "official" GOP candidate. Incidentally, all is *not* well within the ranks of the GOP majority in Washington; Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, 71, also will run for the GOP nomination, and he and Senator Gramm are expected to be at each other's throats any day now. Throw in Pat Buchanan, Dan Quayle, and a few more presidential hopefuls and you will probably notice a smile slowly emerging on Bill Clinton's face as the "Great Race" gets underway in a few months.

Not enough room for any of it here, but Governor Pete Wilson's inaugural speech last week made him sound more like a man considering national office than governor of the Golden State. He promised to take on the federal government for, among other things, "rewarding illegal immigrants for violating the law and punishing California taxpayers and needy legal residents."

Wilson clearly sees the "immigrant issue" as one that is spreading to other states and is only too willing to take the credit for the growing movement. You can expect to hear a lot on this topic from Pete Wilson in the next two years as he looks toward the 1996 GOP Convention in his home town of San Diego.



Dianne Feinstein

And while thousands of loyal Republicans were in Sacramento last week attending the swearing-in ceremonies of Wilson, Fong, Jones, and Dan Lungren, the second-term Lungren and his top supporters were reportedly already laying the groundwork for him to be the next governor. Lungren, in an unusually elaborate swearing-in ceremony, did nothing to stifle the "Lungren for Governor in '98" talk and, in fact, told his audience that "I was born in California, so were my three children, and I don't intend to leave. I'm going to stay to help build a safer California and to offer my leadership to the cause of reinvigorating the spirit of California."

Indeed, Lungren repeatedly made remarks that seemed to put to rest rumors that he might challenge Democratic incumbent Barbara Boxer for the U.S. Senate in four years. "Governor" Dan Lungren? And we think we have problems with Pete Wilson!

Senator Dianne Feinstein, while still one of D.C.'s political "stars," was forced to give up her powerful seat on the Senate Appropriations Committee to make way for a Republican. She will, however, retain her seat on the powerful Senate Judiciary Committee and, to the surprise of many, will be appointed to a seat on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Yes, Dianne and Jesse will be coworkers!

Although loose-lipped Mama Gingrich seems to think her "Newtie" is the bee's knees, as witness the now-notorious Connie Chung interview, stepsister Candace Gingrich, a lesbian, appears less adoring. Is her being gay an embarrassment for the speaker? "He's probably more embarrassed that I'm a Democrat," Sis states.

In Sacramento last week California's new Democratic Lieutenant Governor Gray Davis was sworn in then promptly tossed out of his Capitol office by Governor Pete Wilson. (The guv "needs the space for staff.") This is the first time in 51 years that the lieutenant governor hasn't had space in the Capitol.

Incidentally, Davis' campaign manager, Garry South, well-known to political types in San Francisco, has been named the lieutenant guv's new chief of staff.

Insiders say former California Insurance Commissioner John Garamendi may become deputy secretary of the interior, with an announcement by President Clinton any day now.

More than a half-dozen conservative Southern Democratic House members, rumored to have been planning a switch to the GOP after the new 104th Congress convened last week, now say they will "stick with the Democrats."

As the GOP takes over Capitol Hill, Representative Barney Frank, a witty debater during his 14 years in the House, is emerging as a point man for the minority Democrats in the House. The 54-year-old unabashedly liberal, openly gay lawmaker is popular among his colleagues (he even has "a number of" good friends among the Republican House members) and is becoming an important figure in the fight against the Republican majority. "My job is to shine the light where the Republicans don't want it to be shone," Frank says.

Two new Board of Supe members sworn in this week: Tom Ammiano and Mabel Teng. If this group could just stop eat-

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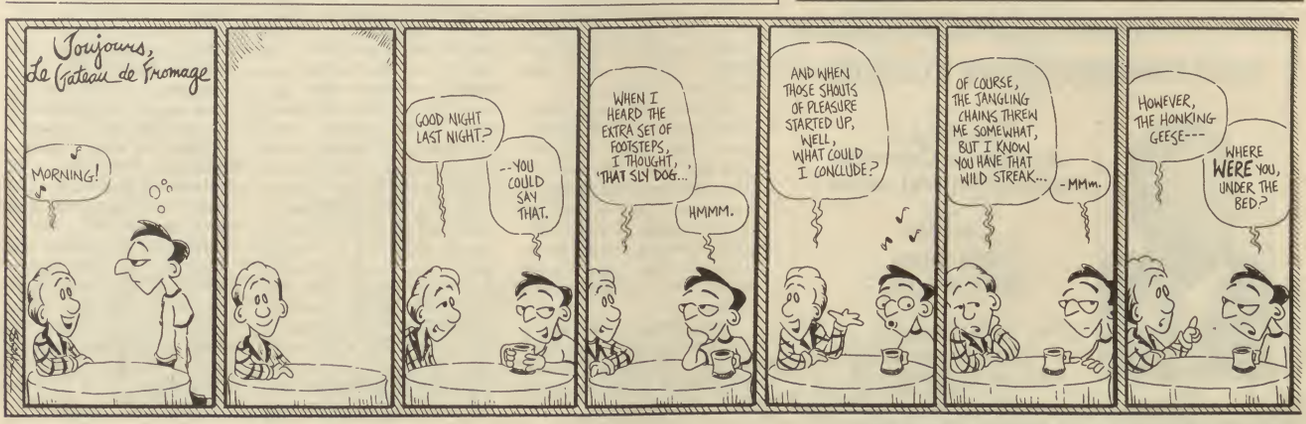
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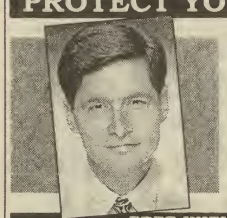
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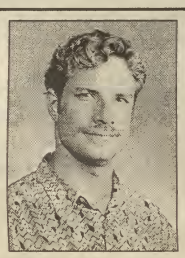
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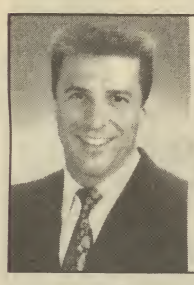
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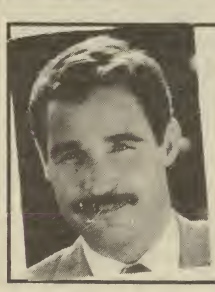


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Getting Organized

by Nancy Boutilier

Is your desk a mess? Do you shuffle papers to no avail? Do you receive enough mail to keep recyclers working overtime? Do you poop out at parties? (Oops, sorry about that last one – wrong pitch.)

In case you missed it, the National Association of Professional Organizers (NAPO) proclaimed Monday, January 9, to be National Clean Off Your Desk Day. The president of the San Francisco NAPO chapter told reporters that "the beginning of the year is a wonderful time to organize, to start fresh, to clean out last year's files and set up files for this year."

While professionals who hire themselves out to cure the messy blues of others might have something to gain by declaring a day of tidiness, the storm outside my window makes this a perfect time to putter through my papers. Somehow it seems in the spirit of the day to cruise through my file marked "Possible Stories" and see what got lost in the 1994 shuffle.

So here it is, my list of roads not taken, little items that weren't enough to fill a column, that demanded a kind of research beyond my means, or that just got filed away for a rainy day. And rainy it has been.

Two suicide stories haunted me enough to keep the clippings. One was the story of a young figure-skating star, who, according to a coach, "seemed happy, secure with himself," yet took his life last summer to the shock of friends and family. The other was a lineman for the Houston Oilers who crashed his car in 1993. The crash itself did not kill NFL lineman Jeff Alm, but it did kill Sean Lynch, his longtime best friend. At the scene of the crash, after a quick 911 call on his portable phone, Alm put a shotgun to his mouth and pulled the trigger.

Both men were single, and their friendship was highlighted in news reports. A man who had coached the two in high school called them "two individuals who really clicked together," saying, "They were very, very close, but I think their relationship even got tighter as the years went on."

My hunches may only be hunches. Perhaps I start formulating my conclusions before I've finished reading some clips. But the questions I asked myself as I read these tragic reports won't be answered anytime soon.

Even if I'm wrong about what might have pushed these two young athletes into corners they saw no way out of, I know that fear of being gay, or being discovered as such, is strong enough to push some of the strongest people I know to scary corners – and to push others I will never meet even further.

From all accounts, both of these young men were hard workers with giving personalities. Both were, to some extent, overachievers.

I'm a believer that one of the trends that homophobia shapes in our culture is an overachiever/underachiever split – particularly in queer youth. When an individual believes that her culture disapproves of a part of who she is, she can either reject the culture and its values, dropping out of the mainstream and "failing" by its standards, or she can fully engage to gain approval in other areas to "make up" for the so-called deviance of being queer. I suspect that the isolation that many people feel in their struggle to come out leaves them no one to form a counterculture with, no one to help

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re-establish new standards. Individuals lose perspective on their own lonely standards, judging themselves harshly in ways that result in the despair of futility or perfectionism.

Another news clipping in my file reports an increasing number of young males suffering from eating disorders or overextended exercise in their effort to get/stay thin. Where gay men fall into this statistic, the study did not say, but if my overachievement theory has any thread of truth in it, those threads just might lead to a disproportionate number of those men being gay or bisexual, trying to fit some prefect standard. It might be another spin on the cult of the body or gay bodybuilding trends.

My file also contains a number of clippings about paternity suits against professional athletes. Most prominent in this stack is Jason Kidd, local basketball star now playing for the Dallas Mavericks. What strikes me about these stories is the limited range of debate surrounding them. For all those sports reporters' efforts to understand the ins and outs of an athlete's psyche, little commentary ever accompanies these stories. The athletes in question tend to deny being the parent of the child, though the courts often find against them. The stories are generally buried in the back pages with no commentary. Not once have I seen the issue of safe sex enter into the debate.

Now, I don't know if all consenting adults involved have been tested. I don't know for sure who has slept with whom. But I do know that babies are not conceived through a latex barrier. So, where are the voices of those guys who claimed they wouldn't play basketball if Magic Johnson returned to the game? Why do they remain silent when they can be pretty sure that they are playing against guys who are having unprotected sex? Health issues never enter into the story when the suit is presented mainly as a distraction or inconvenience to a star looking for the next sneaker endorsement. When celebrities have been caught driving drunk, judges have, on occasion, "sentenced" them to community service spots urging their fans not to drink and drive. How about some daddy jocks heroes expounding on the virtues of condoms as a public service announcement?

Of course, I have already started my 1995 file, sorting fliers, press releases and articles away under handy little headings like "Queer Organizations" and "Homophobes of the USA." First into the "People" pile went the recent *N.Y. Times* story on David Brudnoy, the longtime conservative talk show host in Boston who recently came out to his listening audience after recovering from a bout with AIDS-related pneumonia that knocked him off the air and into the hospital in October. It's fascinating to see the kind of compassion and accommodation some people will make for members of second-class groups who talk the talk the first class wants to hear. Marilyn Quayle can travel independently on her book tour, as long as she reminds everyone that a woman's place is in the home. Clarence Thomas can rise to the Supreme Court as long as he looks down his nose at affirmative action, despite the irony that he benefited from such programs on his travels up the ladder. And now Brudnoy finds himself the beneficiary of a kind of compassion limited for the exception rather than the rule. I suspect many of his fans and well-wishers are the same people who might vote for a variety of measures that would deny all sorts of rights, dignity and certainly universal health care to people with AIDS.

But I'll file away the article to see what becomes of Brudnoy's assertion that "there are more homosexuals who are conservative than not." He reasons to the *Times* reporter, "Because in many ways the whole thing of living a discreet life tends to turn you into a person who doesn't want a lot of hoopla. The people that march in the parades, the guys with dresses and mustaches, are a small number. A lot of gay activists are like a lot of other people in minority groups. They feel put upon. They're not happy unless they're miserable."

Well, I'm not going through my files very efficiently. All these stories have simply moved from my "Possible Stories" file to my "Used Sources" file, which is just a box stuffed with papers all crammed into a drawer. I still have my doubts about a National Association of Professional Organizers, and I won't be hiring one to clean up my mess anytime soon.

They are right about one thing, however. With homophobia lurking in the shadows of so many tragedies, with so much unprotected sex still going unchallenged, with so many lives that could use some lifting, it is time to "organize." ▼

Study: Sexual Harassment Has Cost SF Taxpayers $1.6M

by Kent Brandley

Sexual harassment suits are costing the city millions of dollars, as well as enormous amounts of time, and Mayor Frank Jordan would like to correct the situation.

Last Thursday, January 5 Jordan released a report he commissioned to examine sexual harassment in city government.

He said he commissioned the report because San Francisco, like other cities and private businesses, needs to address the problem. "I want to assure that all people's rights are protected in the workplace and that all are able to do their jobs without being harassed by peers and employers," Jordan said. "I am committed to working with the Commission on the Status of Women to implement programs to increase awareness and sensitivity around this issue."

The report, conducted by Merrick T. Rossein Associates, identified numerous recommendations for dealing with sexual harassment in the workplace.

Jordan indicated particular interest in pursuing certain of the recommendations – namely:

• Reorganize the Human Resource Department Equal Employment Opportunities (EEO) unit as a centralized unit with a specialized sexual harassment component. All EEO officers city-wide would report to the Human Resources Department and be "out-stationed" to departments.

• Create a Sexual Harassment Task Force to implement sexual harassment report recommendations within one year.

• Secure funding for staff at the Commission on the Status of Women to handle sexual harassment complaints. Jordan will work with his budget staff and the Commission on the Status of Women to identify funding sources to absorb the additional work.

Jordan's office indicates copies of the report will be sent to all city department heads for comment to be received within 60 days.

An executive summary of the report indicates that during fiscal 1992-93 over 200 formal complaints and 14 lawsuits – the majority involving seuxal harassment claims – were filed by female city workers.

This has cost the city $1,623,548 with costs rising due to unresolved cases still pending in court.

But Rossein report says the costs are avoidable. Major problems lie in the ineffectual handing and inconsistency in dealing with sexual harassment complaints, the report indicates.

"If current procedures were streamlined and uniform throughout all city departments, it would alleviate much of the employee confusion and disillusionment with policies that often lead to complainants filing lawsuits against the city," Rossein says. "An effective system should emphasize prevention, greater management accountability, and timely and effective redress when harassment occurs."

The summary indicates that the Commission on the Status of Women has enthusiastically approved the findings and recommendations of the sexual harassment study. The next step would be to implement the recommendations. ▼

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Mama Bears' Alice Molloy (left) and Jackie Gross. Molloy: "We were sick of lesbians spending all of their time and their money on everyone and everything in the world but on women's breast cancer."

Bingo Profits To Go To Women's Cancer Clinic

by Mary Ann Swissler
East Bay Correspondent

A clinic offering alternative treatments for women cancer patients will benefit from monthly bingo nights at Mama Bears Coffeehouse & Bookstore in Oakland.

Mama Bears' Alice Molloy explained that the bookstore and coffeehouse offered its space to many women's health care centers in the Oakland and Berkeley area, but Charlotte Maxwell Complementary Clinic was the only one who showed an interest. "We were sick of lesbians spending all of their time and their money on everyone and everything in the world but on women's cancer," she said. "We thought it was a good use of our space and a way to help them raise some rent money," said Molloy.

They've been putting on bingo nights for the past three months, and while attendance has fluctuated, enough members of the community have participated to keep it going, she said. Judy Blumenfeld, clinic coordinator at Charlotte Maxwell, said, "It's a lot of fun, people have a good time, and it's for a good cause." The next bingo night will be on Wednesday, January 18 at 8 p.m. Women only, please.

Blumenfeld said the extra funds are a welcome addition, since they provide their services free to about 40 women with all kinds of cancer. All the healthcare workers are volunteers who treat the women with accupuncture, Chinese herbs, homeopathy, massage, and visualization. And since most of the alternative treatments are the type few insurance companies recognize, the clinic operates on a shoestring budget.

Blumenfeld stressed that they never ask patients to stop treatments prescribed by their medical doctors; thus the term "complementary."

Along with the money raised for the center, the fundraiser extends a show of support to breast cancer victims. "It's a lonely battle. While it's not an automatic death sentence, a lot of them do die." ▼

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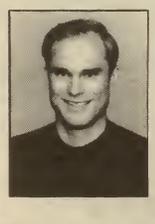
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KSFO: Talk About Bad News...

by Al Kielwasser

Radio station KSFO (560 AM) recently announced a format change that does not bode well for lesbians, gays and bisexuals in the San Francisco Bay Area. The station has begun to broadcast conservative talk shows, 24 hours a day. The new format – which might best be described as "bigotry broadcasting" – is expected to cater to homophobic, racist, classist, and sexist tastes.

Last summer, KSFO was purchased for $17 million by local radio giant KGO (which is part of the even larger Capital Cities/ABC media empire). Now, KGO executives are convinced that bigotry broadcasting is the best way to profit from their investment. Edward Epstein, a reporter from the *San Francisco Chronicle*, explained, "In going conservative, KSFO follows a proven national trend, in which conservatives have come to dominate the radio talk show industry."

The official press release announcing the KSFO format change stated this theme a bit more bluntly. The release was headlined: "Out: Political Correctness, Liberal Media, the Democratic Party. In: KSFO HotTalk 560."

"KSFO HateTalk 560" would be a more accurate slogan. Among the hosts already lined up by the station are Pat Buchanan (frequent critic of "godless homosexuality"), Michael Savage (local homophobe, who rails against such fantasies as the "homosexual control" of public broadcasting), and J. Paul Emerson (the DJ recently fired from KFRC for his relentless on-air racism).

If ever there was a station to drop a house on, KSFO is it. Share your thoughts with Mickey Luckoff, General Manager, KGO/KSFO, 900 Front Street, San Francisco, CA 94111, tel. 415-398-5600 or 415-954-8100, fax 415-391-2795; Robert Iger, President and CEO, Capital Cities/ABC, Inc., 77 W. 66th Street, New York, NY 10021, fax 212-456-1419.

Heavenly Cartooning

Editorial cartoonist (and *Simpsons* creator) Matt Groening has consistently offered public affirmations of lesbian, gay, and bisexual people. In a recent installment of his nationally-syndicated cartoon, "Life in Hell, " Groening expertly deconstructed the political agenda of the 104th Congress.

Under the title "The New Pledge," Groening provided an annotated version of the Pledge of Allegiance. His version reads: "I pledge allegiance to – and wrap myself in – the flag of the United States Against Anything Un-American, and to the Republicans for which it stands, two nations, under Jesus, rich against poor, with curtailed liberty and justice for all (except blacks, homosexuals, women who want abortions, Communists, welfare queens, treehuggers, feminazis, illegal immigrants, children of illegal immigrants, and you if you don't watch your step)."

If your local newspaper carries "Life in Hell," send a letter of support; if it doesn't, ask for it. In the Bay Area, "The New Pledge" ran in the *San Francisco Examiner* (Dec. 19), Phil Bronstein, Executive Editor, 110 Fifth Street, San Francisco, CA 94103, tel. 415-777-2424, fax 415-777-2525, e-mail sfexaminer@aol.com.

Worth Talking About

Phil Donahue devoted an episode of his popular TV talk show to lesbian/gay/bisexual teens ("Gay Teens in a Straight World," Dec. 28). This urgent subject was treated with exceptional quality (a welcome contrast to the exploitative approach to queer themes so characteristic of the genre).

While Donahue made the appropriate challenges to homophobic (and largely-adult) assumptions, he primarily let the lesbian/gay youth tell their own stories. The panel represented a variety of life experiences, and included a gay boy who wore drag to school, a lesbian couple, and teen actor Wilson Cruz, who plays a gay high school student on the TV series *My So-Called Life*.

All of the teens were able to make many important, instructive points. For example, when an audience member demanded that queers should be better behaved in order to earn respect, Wilson Cruz replied: "Respect isn't something that is earned. Respect is something that we should all have for individuals, for being human. And it's not something that you have to earn because you are homosexual."

Significantly, Donahue made a point of asking for – and securing – a lesbian perspective. One young lesbian panelist told how she came out to her father: "I sort of explained it to him like this: 'You know those shirts, Dad, that people are wearing that say "Love Sees No Color," well I'm going to get one for you that says "Love Sees No Gender," because it's, you know, the same thing.'"

In addition to the teenage panelists, other guests included one of the boy's parents (a couple earnestly recovering from homophobia) and Carol Gush, executive Director of SMYAL – the Sexual Minority Youth Assistance League. Gush discussed her program's high-school outreach and queer youth visibility campaigns; SMYAL's address and telephone number were provided during the program.

Overall, the broadcast sent out a much-needed picture of kids who are resilient, powerful, eloquent, and queer. "How healthy it is that young, courageous people like yourselves are blazing the way for others," Phil Donahue concluded.

Send encouraging feedback to Patricia McMillen, Executive Producer, *Donahue*, NBC, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, NY 10012, tel. 212-664-6501, fax 212-757-5386. Also, remember that *My So-Called Life* – the only network TV series to offer a recurring, contemporary role model for queer youth – is at risk for cancellation by ABC; send supportive letters to Randi Cohen, ABC Productions, 2020 Avenue of the Stars, 5th Floor, Century City, CA 90067, tel. 310-557-6901, fax 310-557-6147; Marshall Herskovitz & Ed Zwick, Executive Producers, *My So-Called Life*, Bedford Falls Company, 409 Santa Monica Blvd., Santa Monica, CA 90401; e-mail savemscl@aol.com.

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• **Directory Assistance:** "You Are Not Alone" is a directory of more than 200 organizations serving lesbian, gay and bisexual youth. For ordering information, contact "Directory," Hetrick-Martin Institute, 2 Astor Place, 3rd Fl., New York, NY 10003.

• **Textbook Defense:** Two national organizations – which support lesbian and gay literature in the classroom – offer advice and help should a teacher run into censorship challenges. Contact: The American Library Association's Office of Intellectual Freedom (312-280-4223) and the National Council of Teachers of English Intellectual Freedom Wing (217-328-3870). ▼

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Marin in January: Where To Be

by Kent Brandley

It's time to cross the great water – greater than ever, with these floods – once again. January is **"Let's Meet in Marin Month."** Marin County is, **Bob Bednarz** and other members of **Marin Roundtable** remind us, where lesbian and gay life and businesses are thriving, and they have declared the month thus.

The Roundtable, you may recall from previous reports here, is the North Bay's gay/lesbian business and professional association. Members will be getting 1995 off to a good start with a big **Kick-Off Party** on Tuesday, January 17 from 6-8 p.m., hosted by Bednarz and **Pacific Guarantee Mortgage** in the banquet room next to **Jo LoCoco's Restaurant,** located at 300 Drakes Landing in Greenbrae. RSVP to Bednarz at (415) 925-9900 ext 149.

A week later (Tuesday, January 24) the Marin Roundtable Luncheon is scheduled for the **Chinook Restaurant**, located at 1130 4th Street in San Rafael, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. with **Beth Ashley** (friendly reporter at the *Marin Independent Journal*) as speaker. Cost is $10 for members and $12 for non-members. RSVP to **Michael Carlson** (415) 485-4212.

As to yon knights of the roundtable, 'tis said, "Once a king always a king, but once a knight is enough." The peddlers and the pedalers will also meet this month to do Marin properly: **Different Spokes,** billed as "the Bay Area's premier bicycle club," will join the merry Marin Roundtable folk for a challenging and beautiful 60-mile bicycle tour of Marin County on Saturday, January 28, starting at 9 a.m. at McLaren Lodge in Golden Gate Park in the city. They plan to pedal across the Golden Gate Bridge and into the hinterlands, dells, and seaside meadows of marvelous Marin.

You may have noticed, San Francisco is an expensive place to live, both rentwise and otherwise. "Money is the key," says real estate broker **Christopher Stafford**, who estimates he has sold about ten homes to people that acknowledged to him that they were gay or lesbian in the last year. "My general take on real estate with gays is that there really isn't a big difference between gays and non-gays buying property. It really comes down to a question of money; i.e., how much do they have." Glad that's clear.

Still, there are other concerns – different deeds give different rights of survival and other things that seem to matter more to gay and lesbian couples than straights, which may be why some gay homebuyers specifically look for gay real estate agents. There are a lot of gay people in the real estate industry, he said, including real estate agents, mortgage brokers, escrow officers, and others. By the way, a real estate agent is *not* the same as a Realtor®. The difference may be slight to you and to me, but that ® means business.

Stafford is a member of the **Golden Gate Business Association** and a member of their LEAD group. What is a



Michael Carlson of Marin

LEAD group? They exchange leads and act in a way that is very different from *Glengarry Glen Ross* – not that anyone saw the movie anyway.

Stafford lives with his partner in the Upper Market Area and is also a certified public accountant. At the tender age of 36, he has been involved in real estate, investments and financial

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services for 13 years. "Although my focus is in the gay /lesbian community," he says, "I would say that my business is 50/50."

The cost of purchasing a home in San Francisco varies by area, he explains. "To get into a decent secure starting home you are – at a minimum – talking $250,000 for a single family home and a minimum of $200,000 for a condo." And how much down? "What is very typical," Stafford says, "it would require a minimum of 10 percent to 20 percent down."

Gay people are most eager to buy in the Upper Market/Castro/Noe Valley Area, Stafford said. But other areas that are currently very popular because of affordability are Bernal Heights, and Glen Park. "I also know there are a lot of gay people that have a lot of money who are living in the north part of town," which includes Presidio Heights, Russian Hill, and Pacific Heights as "the north end of town." The Marina is a "straight haven" in Stafford's view; for those who buy the religious right's "wrath of God" theory, that may explain the substantial damage in the Marina in the last quake. (However, or more likely, it could have something to do with landfill.)

Find Stafford at TRI Realtors , located at 1699 Van Ness, (415) 474-1845 Ext 266.

Roland Jadryev, another gay man who is also a Realtor®, is with **Mason McDuffie Real Estate Inc.,** the oldest real estate firm in the Bay Area, established in Berkeley in 1887. Jadryev, a Chicago native, has also lived in New York City, Los Angeles, and Seattle, but says San Francisco is the only place to be.

"In my opinion, San Francisco provides the highest quality urban experience available in this country..." Why not just rent – why buy a home? Jadryev responds that "the desire to own spans areas of primal behavior in 'marking' space, to more conscious contemporary needs for privacy and the innate gay 'need' to create interesting, usually dramatic space as backdrops to our art filled lives."

Realistically, he says, a single family residence in good condition in the city starts at about $350,000. The good news is that the financial community is more available now than they have been for many years. The refinancing boom they enjoyed is now over, making them more accommodating than ever. (The market peaked in the fall of 1989, he says.) The result is that properties in the $200,000 to $400,000 category are now an average of 10 to 15 percent lower than at the peak. Higher-end properties $400,000 and up are as much as 20 to 30 percent lower now, Jadryev says.

Jadryev is also an active member of **Golden Gate Business Association**. **You can call him at (415) 558-0620.**

At a recent Feast of the Three Kings Party attended by Out for Business, the person doing all that pouring was the inordinately handsome **Erik Ireland** with **Up & Over**, a gay-friendly firm that provides friendly, intelligent bartenders at affordable rates.

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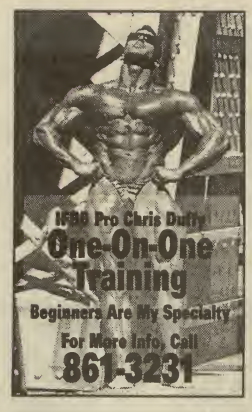
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NATIONAL NEWS

Report: Political, Community Leaders' Anti-Gay Activity Increasing Nationwide

by Samuel R. Cacas

Anti-gay rhetoric and other political activity is widespread among community leaders and elected officials, according to a report released last month by People for the American Way. The Washington, D.C.-based group documented 134 instances of such activity in its report, titled "Hostile Climate," which covers 37 states and the District of Columbia.

"While most attention has focused on two statewide anti-gay ballot initiatives in Oregon and Idaho, a growing anti-gay campaign is gaining ground all across America," said People for the American Way President Arthur J. Kropp. "Popular hate-filled rhetoric commonly used by religious right political leaders is breathing life into a broad range of anti-gay policies and personal attacks.

"The result is a political and social climate hostile to the principles of justice and fairness that safeguard every American," he added. And with the current political situation favoring such attacks, Kropp predicts things will not likely get much better: "It's just a matter of time before newly-elected religious right-backed public officials start looking for ways to pay back right-wing leaders for their support. High atop the right-wing agenda are anti-gay initiatives of all kinds."

The report, which covers a one-year period from November 1993 to November 1994, includes the following anti-gay legislative action, statewide and local ballot initiatives, court decisions, education-related activity, arts censorship, and other policy-related incidents:

■ A proposal by the Fairfax County, Virginia Board of Supervisors last spring intended, among other things, to restrict access to gay publications such as the *Washington Blade*;

■ In June, Jerry Falwell placed a full page ad in the conservative newspaper, the *Washington Times*, to protest the Gay Games in New York City and the celebration that honored the 25th anniversary of the Stonewall rebellion, referring to "their perverted lifestyle."

■ In Boca Raton, Florida, two members of a group of rugby players, dressed in drag, were charged with disorderly conduct for storming into a gay bar, vandalizing the bar, and hurling insults at the patrons.

■ For the third year in a row, the U.S. House of Representatives approved legislation that prohibits the District of Columbia from using any funds to implement the Health Care Benefits Expansion Act of 1992, a domestic partnership law passed by the District of Columbia City Council in Spring 1992.

■ In Burbank, California, a gay Christian group was evicted from a religious music festival by an organizer who tore down the group's banner, which proclaimed, "Christian Gays and Lesbians for Justice," and the festival's manager stated, "We're trying to put the God back into this country, but some people would rather come out of the closet than clean it out."

■ Several residents of Huntsville, Alabama complained to that city's building permit office after the Huntsville Metropolitan Community Church, a primarily gay and lesbian congregation, constructed and opened a new building last April. The objectors said they were worried that MCC's presence would cause local property values to decrease. One resident, who lives across the street from the new church, said, "I'll be out there in my rocking chair with my sign that says, 'I don't like homosexuals.' ... They won't have a minute's peace as long as I'm living. That's a promise to God." The church has also received calls from people reading scripture condemning homosexuality.


Rev. Jerry Falwell

■ In Anchorage, Alaska, parents and members of a local church raised objections to the book "Asking About Sex and Growing Up" by Joanna Cole, available in elementary school libraries, and requested its removal. Objectors claimed the book was "teaching homosexuality," as well as "encouraging children to start masturbating," and "condoning thoughts of incest."

Some Good News

While much of the study documents and portends an increasingly anti-gay climate, it also covers positive instances of homophobic activity being defeated. In seven states, for instance, anti-gay measures failed to reach the ballot despite heavy involvement of the Religious right. Courts in Colorado enjoined implementation of an anti-gay amendment passed in 1992, and in Florida, the state supreme court prohibited a statewide initiative from appearing on the ballot. And in hundreds of communities in dozens of states, citizens organized to fight censorship, to oppose the restriction of civil rights, and to reject the agenda of hatred and intolerance.

The report found that much of the activity documented was led by the religious right political movement through mean-spirited radio and television broadcasts, newsletters, and direct mail from groups like the Lou Sheldon-led Traditional Values Coalition and Martin Mawyer's Christian Action Network. Using censorship of gay-positive materials like the video *The Gay Agenda* and *Gay Rights, Special Rights*, "religious right activists are well aware that if they can control the images of gay men and lesbians projected onto the public consciousness, they will to a large extent control the debate over gay rights." The report also found sweeping defamation of gays and lesbians, and an emerging tactic of the religious right of dividing gays and lesbians from other minority groups.

Deanna Duby, director of education policy and research manager of People for the American Way, told the *B.A.R.* that last year's study was the second of its kind by the organization, and that the number of incidents from the first report to the second increased by two or three. "We started doing this study because we saw the need of documenting this phenomenon of anti-gay activity so someone could see what is going on. It is ironic that while the religious right leaders tend to say, 'We don't advocate violence against gays,' they often communicate rhetoric that increases the climate for such violence. We wanted to show that there is a connection between the rhetoric and the violence. When you have an atmosphere of religious talk show hosts repeating rhetoric that demonizes gays and lesbians, it increases the atmosphere for people who would lean towards violent behavior to take that step."

While the report offered no direct prescription for addressing the homophobia it documents, Duby said it is important that gays and lesbians be "out and open about their sexual orientation, because it forces Americans to realize that gays and lesbians are not the monolithic child molesters and rapists they are often stereotyped as. They are a diverse group that can be your neighbors, family, friends, and otherwise normal people." She also recommended that straight as well as gay and lesbian people keep informed on anti-gay activity and speak out against it. ▼

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ing their young long enough, they might be able to work with the mayor and be constructive this year. Congrats and good luck to Board President Kevin Shelley and troops.

Poor Congressman Sonny Bono (that still doesn't sound right) is being recognized by the hordes of tourists who invade Washington all year and constantly being asked to pose for pictures or sign autographs. In California, however, a state with a history of electing celebrities, Sonny is just another ultra-conservative, anti-gay politician from Palm Springs.

Friends and supporters of District Attorney Arlo Smith are holding a re-election kick-off party tonight (Thurs., Jan. 12) at the Eleven Ristorante (11th and Harrison, 5:30-7:30 p.m.). Call 982-1405 for info.

When Rep. J.C. Watts, a former pro football star, took his oath of office last week, he became the GOP's second African-American House member. ▼

Military Ban Milestones

by Bob Roehr

The New Year came Tuesday, January 3 for the ban on gays in the military; it was out with the old and in with the new.

Gay Navy Midshipman Joe Steffan quietly announced that he would not appeal his negative decision from the D.C. federal court, stemming from his 1987 discharge from the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, to the Supreme Court. Thus ended *Steffan v. Perry*, his six-year legal challenge to the "old" pre-don't-ask-don't-tell ban on gays in the military.

"It was an emotionally painful thing for Joe, in the sense that he is a fighter and this is wrong, and the knee-jerk thing is to make right what is wrong," said Beatrice Dohrn, legal director of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund. The group had helped Steffan press his case.

"But Joe also recognizes that for the 'cause' reasons, it's the moment for him to pass the torch to the Able case, which addresses the real current question of the 'new' ban."

That came quicker and in a more dramatic fashion than anyone expected. Later that same day a three-member appeals panel of the Second Circuit in New York ruled on a motion in the case of *Able v. Perry*, the lead legal challenge to the "new" ban on gays in the military.

Able to Go to Trial

The panel held that trial judge Eugene Nickerson had used the wrong standards in issuing an injunction barring the military from proceeding to discharge the plaintiffs in the case. But they left the injunction in place until March 31, essentially ordering the trial and decision to be concluded by that date.

The Pentagon and Lambda were shocked, both having assumed that pretrial motions and discovery would delay start of the trial until the summer at least, if not the fall. They are scurrying to prepare their cases.

What appears to be developing is a game of legal "chicken" where both sides presently would like more time to prepare, but neither wants to be the first to ask, as that would give the other leverage in seeking concessions.

The fast track ruling by the court panel virtually scuttled the Clinton administration's political and legal strategies of "stall and delay" in resolving the question of gays in the military. It makes it increasingly likely that the issue will be a highly visible one, perhaps even before the Supreme Court, during the coming presidential election campaign. It is something Clinton strategists had wanted to avoid. ▼



Joe Steffan

Beantown Homphobes Sure Get Windy...

St. Pat's Parade Dispute To Go to the Supreme Court

by Michael Kirkland

WASHINGTON (UPI) – The Supreme Court agreed Friday, January 6 to review a lower court decision that required organizers of Boston's St. Patrick's Day Parade to allow gay groups among the marchers.

The organizers of the parade contended the decision violates their free speech rights, and canceled the parade rather than obey the order. The Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Group of Boston sued the organizers of the parade and the city in state court in November 1993.

GLIB said it had been unlawfully excluded from the 1992 and 1993 St. Patrick's/ Evacuation Day Parades in South Boston, which violated their First Amendment rights of free speech and their rights under the 14th Amendment, which guarantees equal protection under the law.

The parade organizers, the Allied War Veterans Council of South Boston, argued in response that the parade was privately funded. The organizers said forcing them to include GLIB in their parade violated their First Amendment rights of free assembly and their 14th Amendment rights.

A state Superior Court judge ruled in December 1993 that the city was not involved, and removed Boston from the case.

But the judge said after an analysis of the facts that it was "impossible to discern any specific purpose entitling the parade to protection under the First Amendment."

The judge ordered the organizers to include GLIB in the parade, and last March the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts affirmed.

In their petition to the high court, the parade organizers said, "In an astounding decision which conflicts with the well settled law and doctrines of [the Supreme Court], the Massachusetts courts have abdicated their duty to preserve and protect the guarantees of its citizens' First Amendment rights, and the liberty interests and due process of law mandated by the 14th Amendment." ▼

Fed Judge: There's No Law Against Same-Sex Harassment

by David Olson

Same-sex harassment on the job is not a violation of U.S. law, a federal judge in Maryland has ruled.

U.S. District Court Judge Alexander Harvey II wrote that sexual harassment is a matter of gender discrimination, and that it is not possible for someone to commit gender discrimination against someone of the same sex.

Harvey's ruling clouds even further the legal status of same-gender sexual harassment. Some courts have agreed with Harvey that such harassment is not in itself illegal, while others have said that it is indeed illegal.

In the Maryland case, George Hopkins, who was a photo technician at Baltimore Gas and Electric Company, claimed that his supervisor, Ira Swadow, had harassed him over the eight years that the two worked together. Neither man is currently with the company.

Sexual harassment law in the United States is based upon Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits discrimination based upon gender. Harvey, citing previous court rulings on same-gender harassment, said that Hopkins could not possibly have a claim under that law.

"No reasonable juror could find on the present record that Swadow singled out and targeted plaintiff for harassment on account of plaintiff's sex," the judge wrote.

Key to Harvey's argument is the idea that, with two men, there is not the type of difference in power that exists when a man harasses a woman.

Harvey cited a 1988 Illinois federal court ruling on same-gender sexual harassment to back up his argument.

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Gay Sperm Donors Wanted

Lesbians seek Gay Men to play "uncle"

OAKLAND - A new sperm bank, Rainbow Flag Health Services, plans to offer a new service to the Lesbian and Gay community: ***known donor insemination***. They are recruiting Gay and Bisexual sperm donors for Lesbians and will tell the mother who the biological father is when the child is 3 months old. Under California law donors have no financial obligations nor any custody rights. Knowing the donor can be very important to the child. Some artificially conceived children start asking about their biological fathers as young as 3 and 4.

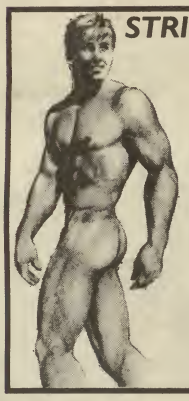
Being a known donor gives Gay Men, who do not want to raise children, an opportunity to have children in their lives, connects them to Lesbian families, and helps build community. Many Lesbians want donors to play "uncle" to their children. The demand for known donors is much greater than the supply. Rainbow Flag Health Services is recruiting donors of all ethnic backgrounds. If you are healthy, under 55 years old and are interested in being a known donor call for an appointment **(510)763-7737**

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Supes On!

by Dennis Conkin

In an historic moment for the lesbian and gay community, gay activist and one-time San Francisco Board of Education President Tom Ammiano and lesbian businesswoman Susan Leal took their seats as duly-elected members of the San Francisco board of supervisors on Monday, January 9.

Supervisor Carole Migden, who was re-elected to her post but who failed in her bid to become president of the board of supervisors, was also seated during the official swearing-in ceremonies at the board's legislative chambers in City Hall.

In a moving speech to the jubilant crowd, Ammiano delivered a brief monologue in his trademark high-strung, high camp, off the cuff, and bitingly observational style.

"It must be the suit," Ammiano joked about the attention he received as he rode the MUNI bus from his Bernal Heights home to City Hall for the ceremony.

"A few people on the bus thought I must be from immigration. But I said no, that we don't truck with 187 in San Francisco," Ammiano said to the applauding crowd.

Ammiano spoke of the legacy of Harvey Milk in his remarks, and of the power of the grassroots progressive and lesbian and gay movements in San Francisco.

"We will share that power with others who are disenfranchised," Ammiano promised.

Ammiano cried openly as he talked about his sadness and anger that his long-time lover Tim Curbo, a teacher at Cesar Chavez School, had died of AIDS shortly before he was elected to the post.

In her remarks, Leal, who won election to the board after initially being appointed to the post by Mayor Frank Jordan to replace Roberta Achtenberg in 1993, spoke of the joy of public service and also slammed the anti-immigrant Proposition 187, which she actively campaigned against.

"It feels very good to be elected to be a leader in the most wonderful city in the world," she said.

Leal saluted her parents, relatives, friends, and political campaign consultants who attended the event – and paid special tribute to staffer and longtime friend Bevan Dufty, who is regarded as a consummate City Hall political operative.

In her prepared remarks, Migden acknowledged her lover, attorney Chris Arguedas; San Francisco Democratic Party chair Matthew Rothschild; and others, including philanthropist Jim Hormel.

Migden spoke of her first term efforts in welfare reform, water reclamation, AIDS and health service budget issues, as well as "lesbian and gay equality issues," and promised to continue to provide leadership on the board. ▼



New SF Community College Board members Le
and Lawrence Wong enjoying the swearing-in f

Time For Conscio

Viva La Ra

by Dennis Conkin

Just hours after Army Street was rena
farmworker's union leader Cesar Ch
Supervisors Tom Ammiano, Susan Leal,
honored at a January 9 party that Chavez
ly picketed.

Grapes were being served.

Not just any old grapes, but Sonoma C
on the vine, as well as grapes dipped in
served as hors d'oeuvres on ivory colored
choice fruits and cheeses.

The fete to honor the Lavender Swee
Community College Board members Le
Wong as well as the supes – was held a
Academy. The celebration's hors d'oeuvr
student chefs at the school. The party was
Toklas and Harvey Milk Lesbian and Gay

"I wasn't even aware that they were be
while event planner and well-known po
Barnes. "But I'm sure it wasn't a political
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Barnes told the *Bay Area Reporter* that
with organizing the evening's program to
said that the CCA would be contacted ab

The official policy of the City and C
that it boycotts grapes, according to Rob
Jordan's liaison to the lesbian and gay co

"The city still boycotts grapes. Some
won't hold conventions or come to the c
including produce grower's associations,"
Reporter.

"Whenever I see grapes being served, I
it is, it's just not acceptable. It sends a ter
the *Bay Area Reporter.*

"I was upset about the grapes. I w
because the board had just renamed Army
Chavez," said Milk Club activist Ken B
that some people who were upset about t
grapes," he said.

Bukowski said that although he did not
grapes and was not involved in the menu
takes "some responsibility" for the ove
plan the event for the Milk Club.

The Milk Club also has a long-standing
served at any function of the club, Bukow

"We will make sure it doesn't happen
Bukowski promised.

The grapes, according to observers at
snack at the celebration.

"People were eating the grapes as fast
no compunction. As soon as the trays
empty," said one source who declined t
weren't sour grapes." ▼

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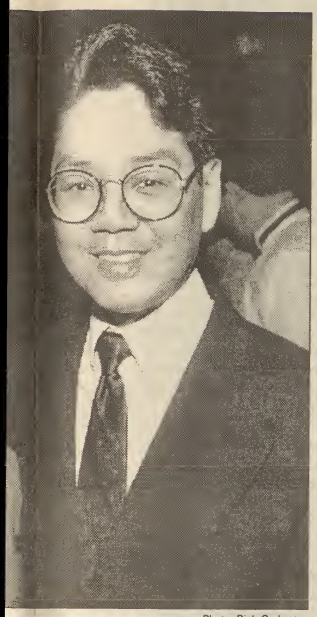


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earing-in festivities Jan. 9.



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Lesbian Latina Supervisor Susan Leal, a former Jordan appointee, thanks her loyal supporters following her swearing-in on Monday.

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• Assemblyman Willie L. Brown Jr. will be honored with the public service award.

• Attorney Sue Hestor, who has been active for many years in environmental concerns and issues of good government, will be honored with the community service award.

• Katie Quan, who heads the International Garment Workers Union, will receive the award for distinguished service to labor.

• Frank Blackburn, a retired San Francisco firefighter, who saved many lives in Rwanda last year with the use of a portable water purification system he invented, was awarded the humanitarian award.

• Johnson counted among the honorees the essay contest winners from San Francisco's schools. "This year we got over 580 essays from the kids," Johnson said. The MLK Jr. Committee will give an additional award of $1,000 to the schools of first place winners. First place winners, garnering $100 prizes, were Amalen Santos of George Washington Carver Elementary School; Amy Mak of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Academic Middle School; and Teal Jaa of the Raoul Walenberg High School.

In a speech before 2,000 AIDS workers at the National Skills Building Conference in Atlanta last November, Coretta Scott King reminded her audience that "Some claim that protecting Americans from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation would be extending 'special rights' to gay people. Ironically, this same language was used as far back as 1882 – to oppose civil rights for former slaves.

"Civil rights are not 'special rights,' but basic rights that belong to all people," King said. ▼



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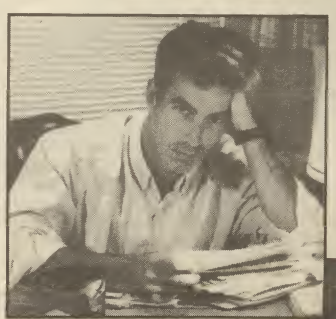
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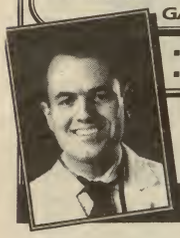
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NATIONAL NEWS

AIDS Action Names New Head

Yale Educated Attorney, Teacher Mark Barnes Takes Over

by Bob Roehr

AIDS Action Council (AAC), the country's largest national policy and lobbying organization, named Mark Barnes its new executive director on January 6. Barnes will start the first of February. He succeeds Dan Bross, who served in that position for four years.

Barnes, 34, hails from East Tallasee in east central Alabama. He is a graduate of Yale Law School and taught at the Columbia University School of Law where he co-founded its AIDS Law Clinic. He has also worked as an attorney in private practice.

He was named director of AIDS policy for the New York State Department of Health in 1989, and served as New York City Department of Health associate commissioner for medical and legal policy from 1992-94.

Barnes took on one of the first AIDS discrimination law suits as a volunteer attorney with Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund in 1984. A pharmacist was offered a job at Westchester County Hospital but had that offer withdrawn when the hospital learned he was HIV-positive. The trial dragged on for more than a year, but ended in victory.

"The case was quite important because of its timing and impact," said Beatrice Dohrn, Lambda's legal director. "The way it dragged on shows you how hard institutions will fight to discriminate in these ways."

In an interview before his official announcement as executive director, Barnes stated that his principle mission will be "to save, sustain, and hopefully strengthen the existing federal programs" for communities living with and at risk for HIV/AIDS.

He wants to build "even more of a presence in Washington, and offer even more help to local and state organizations." He would like to strengthen the role as "an information clearing house or resource center" offering "technical assistance and analysis."

Barnes continuously returned to the need for AIDS Action to become more representative of the diversity of the communities affected by AIDS and to work in broader coalitions to achieve its goals.

The AIDS Action Council has faced increasing criticism on these very grounds. Many have called it a trade association dominated by the handful of large local service organizations that provide the bulk of its funding. It is a charge that board president Mario Cooper acknowledges has some validity and has vowed to correct.

Barnes "comes to AIDS Action from New York. Gay Men's Health Crisis is their largest backer," said Cornelius Baker, public policy director with the National Association of People With AIDS (NAPWA). "Does he come representing solely that constituency? Does this show branching out on AIDS Action's part? I think many people on face value would suggest not. I think it is going to be a challenge for him to represent all of that in a different way.

"I know there are some people who will look at AIDS Action and go tisk, tisk, tisk, they hired another gay white man," Baker said. "I would, on the other hand, say that the epidemic hasn't gone away."

Baker called Barnes "very good, very sharp, someone who has been able to maintain a fair level of respect in the community while being in a very difficult environment."

But he cautioned that Barnes will have to work against being perceived as "either cold, distant, arrogant, or sort of white, and not representative of the diverse populations."

That praise and admonition was echoed by Keith Cyler, co-director of Housing Works, which serves primarily minority and substance abuse HIV clients in New York City.

"I've worked with Mark in the past on the HIV planning council," Cyler said. "He is the kind of person who can make things happen. He is someone who will bring a fresh perspective to the AAC.

"Because he is not a national player, in the sense that he is not aligned with any group in particular, he brings the ability to be inclusive. He doesn't have a lot of baggage that I think has hampered the AIDS movement."

At the same time Cyler said that Barnes "has a tendency sometimes to make deals and go off." He warned that "there is a tremendous need to develop trust and accountability across the board."

American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) chief AIDS lobbyist Alexander Robinson noted Barnes' lack of experience "dealing with folks inside the Beltway, although lack thereof may be an advantage" in the very changed Republican-led Congress.

"The new Congress is going to set the priorities on spending and focus," said Shepherd Smith with the conservative Americans for a Sound AIDS Policy (ASAP). Most AIDS groups have had a high profile anti-Republican streak in their past. Smith was curious to see how they will "reverse that" to work with a Republican Congress. He called it a "fundamental challenge" to them. ▼

APLA Announces Incredible Commitment To Life Line Up

by Karen Ocamb

Think you are doing ANYTHING else on Thursday, January 19? Well, think again.

Here's the incredible line up for this year's AIDS Project Los Angeles Commitment to Life VIII at Universal Amphitheatre that night, honoring Elton John, Tom Hanks, and Ron Meyer. Ready? Julie Andrews; Garth Brooks, who says he's about to retire, though his back-up-band-playing lesbian sister seems to be launching a career of her own; hit newcomer Sheryl Crow; Terence Trent D'Arby; Kiki Dee; our own "Yes I Am" Melissa Etheridge; Marianne Faithfull, who is skedded to sing "I Will Survive" with Boy George!!!; bisexual Nona Hendryx; the Eagle's environmentalist Don Henley; George Michael, once of the great shades and buns; the re-invented, original "Woodstock" writer Joni Mitchell; Little Richard, and RuPaul - we'll just let you imagine what these two together will be like; safe sex rappers Salt 'n Pepa and "Stand By Your Man" proponant Tammy Wynette (whose other hit was "D.I.V.O.R.C.E."), among others.

Tickets range from $50, $100 (through Ticketmaster - 213-480-3232) to $250, $500, $1000 (through Levi, Pazanti at 213-386-8014). Additionally, APLA will present its first "Hand in Hand" endowment of $10,000 to the Pediatric AIDS Foundation, whose co-founder Elizabeth Glaser recently died of AIDS complications. Another note: the Elton John AIDS Foundation just gave the AIDS Healthcare Foundation (AHF) a $50,000 grant - thereby no doubt putting to rest any ill feeling generated when Elton John hosted an Oscar night party on the same night as AHF's big fundraiser. ▼

An Interview with New AAC Head Mark Barnes

by Bob Roehr

Bob Roehr: Why did you decide to take the job?

Mark Barnes: I, like everybody else, have lost a lot of people in this epidemic. I was asked to do it. And I believe that when you are asked to do something by a lot of people who represent your own community, then you do it. So that is why I'm doing it.

How did you get started working with AIDS?

I was in law school and always interested in healthcare law and healthcare ethics and all that. By the time I graduated from law school in 1984 AIDS was the hot issue and intellectually it was the most interesting. It was where my issues about sexuality and my intellectual interests in health and ethics all came together.

So the way I started was doing volunteer work for Lambda Legal Defense on AIDS-related discrimination cases in New York. I guess it was the first case that Lambda really did from beginning to end, and I tried the case.

Where are you going to focus your energies at AIDS Action?

Two main areas: we have got to save, sustain, and hopefully strengthen the existing federal programs that have really greatly helped the community of people living with and at risk for HIV and AIDS. Clearly we are going to have a battle in Congress to save those money streams and hopefully strengthen them. I think there is a possibility that we can do that based on the very urgent human need that is out there. The need is so great that I think it is palpable even to conservatives.

The other focus of my efforts will be to strengthen this organization. To recruit staff, to build the budget, and get funding, so that we can be even more of a presence in Washington and offer even more help to local and state organizations than we have been able to in the past.

Folks have characterized this as a trade association, dominated by perhaps a half dozen to a dozen of the largest organizations, the people who pay the bills. Is that going to change?

I would not have taken this job if I thought that the goal and the mission of this organization was anything but saving lives and relieving suffering over the entire group of people affected by HIV and AIDS. And not simply serving as a trade association for a limited number of organizations.

You can look at my record. My record in government services is what I think of as the highest mission of a government servant, a civil servant: to appreciate, and understand, and vindicate the interests and the rights of everybody. That is where I come from and that is the kind of mission I bring to this organization. Regardless, frankly, of the history that has gone before.

In terms of preventive education there have been some real political roadblocks to implementing [explicit programs]. How do you get beyond that?

Look, leave Elders aside for a minute. The fact is, one has to take American society as one finds it. The best public health respects the differences within society and works within those constraints in order to prevent disease.



Mark Barnes

There are a lot of people in this country who have religious beliefs and religious preferences that are intensely held and deeply personal, that dictate to them, for instance, the need for abstinence as the most important or even the only HIV prevention strategy that is acceptable.

I think that we have to, as a community, accept that there are good, decent people who hold beliefs like that. And there are also good decent people, most of us who work in AIDS, but not all of us, who believe that the best way to deal with prevention education is to be frank, explicit, and to give the whole range of options. And that is not simply in terms of sex but in terms of needles, of drug use, crack cocaine use, and alcohol use, all of which are cofactors at this point for the spread of HIV.

The reality of the way American society exists is that we cannot simply write off that segment of the population and regard them as inherently evil, those who believe that abstinence is the most important HIV prevention strategy.

As we ask for more tolerance from that part of society, we have to be more tolerant of them. I think that there is a vital center.

I don't think the argument is that one shouldn't talk about abstinence. But in the political arena one has let those factors veto discussions of more explicit life saving measures. They have been allowed to exercise a veto over the expenditure of public funding.

I reject the idea that we can simply blame the various elements of what people regard as the right wing of politicians in this country as being responsible for that.

I think there has been a failure of nerve, and frankly of courage, among public health professionals, at the federal and state and local levels, who simply did not do what they knew in their hearts and minds was appropriate to do in terms of HIV prevention. In some cases it may be that there were Congressional proscriptions on things but it is not only federal money that goes into HIV prevention. It's private money, and state money, and local money.

They haven't been very creative in using the mix.

Exactly. They haven't been very creative and they haven't been very courageous. And frankly, they are going to have to stand up and they are going to have to be counted in all of this. Public health officials across this country, there are exceptions of course, but there has not been the kind of courage that one would have hoped for in this epidemic.

The fact is there are proscriptions and laws and regulations, and there are also ways around those things too to give a full range of prevention education.

As AIDS becomes more of a chronic manageable disease and it is mainstreamed, what is the justification for separate line item funding?

AIDS is different from, for example, heart disease or cancer, in the sense that HIV is transmissible. There are special and unique needs of people living with AIDS and people who are at risk for HIV. That simply isn't the case with heart disease and cancer and other things. One would be hard pressed to find something that lays at the intersection of so many indices of disadvantage and discrimination as HIV.

Because of that, I believe that there is a special obligation of society to care for people with HIV and to prevent the spread of HIV to others. We can't shy away from that argument because it's the truth.

[AIDS] most closely parallels geriatric patients – disability, death, loss of control of bodily functions and environment, confusion. Because of that the elderly are treated differently and have gotten enhanced funding in the society in many different ways including an incredible entitlement through Medicare for people with AIDS.

Twelve months from now, how should we evaluate you and your performance? What should be the standards? What are the goals?

One is going to have to look at our success in sustaining the funding stream and hopefully increasing the funding stream. [Another is] the coalitions that I hope [we] would have built to all of these local organizations and other national organizations, far beyond the confines of our current alliances.

Any parting thoughts?

We as a community should really not think that because there has been this change in Congress that everything is over. There are battles to be fought and we have to fight them in a more united way than we have ever fought them before.

There are gains to be made and there are also potential losses to be cut. Even if we don't win everything that we set out to win this year, by articulating the rationale, by making the case even if we lose, we save the day for the future. Because we are going to be fighting these battles for the next 30 or 40 years in this country.

We have got to understand that with HIV and AIDS we cannot plan for a year from now, we have got to start planning for the decades to come. ▼



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Up to ten percent of patients with AIDS in the United States develop the disease.

The investigators came across the key to the new strategy while studying how the parasite chemically breaks down, or metabolizes, sugar to obtain energy. They found the parasite uses essentially the same chemical steps as humans to convert sugar into energy – with one exception.

In that one step, the parasite uses an enzyme called pyrophosphatedependent phosphofructokinase, which is found only in the most primitive organisms.

"This enzyme is very unusual. We were astonished when we found it," said co-researcher Zao-Yuan Peng of Stanford. "Then we realized it could serve as an excellent target for drugs to fight toxoplasmosis."

Working with Charles McKenna, a chemistry professor at the University of Southern California, the Stanford group tested dozens of chemicals to see how well they inhibited the activity of the ancient enzyme.

The best candidate turned out to be carbonyldiphosphonic acid, which drastically reduced the enzyme's activity in the test tube.

"We think this compound inhibits the enzyme by blocking its active site," said co-researcher Joan Mansour of Stanford.

The scientists plan to continue studying this and similar compounds, looking for ways to boost their ability to penetrate the parasite without causing toxicity to patients, said Dr. Jack Remington, professor of medicine specializing in infectious diseases at Stanford.

The research was funded in part by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases and the American Foundation for AIDS Research. ▼

Gay Connection

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dresser."

Philip Arcidi, spokesperson for the Pro-Life Alliance of Gays and Lesbians (PLAGAL) chapter in Boston, told the *Bay Area Reporter* he has checked the group's mailing and contact lists, and has no record of Salvi ever having asked for information. "To our knowledge, he had no contact with us," Arcidi said.

"Neighbors seem to surmise that he is gay ... but I can't say that he is a gay man. ... I don't care if he's gay or straight. What I can say is that no one can be a Pro-Lifer and commit murder. He has nothing to do with PLAGAL, never has and never will. We can't have members who advocate violence."

Los Angeles lesbian Tammy Bruce, president of the L.A. chapter of NOW and KFI radio talk show host, disagrees. Vehement anti-abortion rhetoric creates an environment of violence, she said, that has resulted in "deranged" followers believing they are committing "justifiable homicide," often in the name of God. The murder of the two receptionists in Brookline brings to five the number of killings in anti-abortion related violence in the past two years.

Anti-abortion groups "say they're shocked," she told the *B.A.R.*, but "who else do they think is responsible? What do they think they're provoking when they sit in front of a clinic and talk about 'murder' in a very serious way?. ... There are distinct links between the visible, anti-abortion leadership and the young people they are using to do this stuff. The hundreds of Catholic and fundamentalist churches involved in the anti-abortion movement are fueling the fire and fanning the flames and then, when it explodes, they say: 'How the hell did this happen? We're not responsible.' ...

"You can't say people are killing babies without getting this type of reaction. ... The Catholic Church sickens me. Roger Mahoney is a key part of this. And the Pope is named 'Man of the Year' [by *Time* magazine] and yet they won't defrock a priest who has called for the murder of feminists.

"This violent [anti-abortion] rhetoric is from the same people who call gays and lesbians vermin, sinners and dangerous. These are the same organized religious fanatics who haunt us at our gay pride parades and who stand in front of clinics.

"Gays and lesbians ought to sit back and realize that they might be next."

An Omen?

"This domestic terrorism and violence is a microcosm of what is going to happen to our community as the church heats up about gays and lesbians," Bruce predicted. "There is extreme frustration with our support, that most Americans are Pro-Choice and, in general, pro-gay rights. If we find out there is an anti-abortion conspiracy I'm sure we'll find out the other subject they are plotting is the demise of gay leadership in this country and gay people ought to be awfully damned concerned about that. It's like a jihad. ... This is only going to get worse. Indications now are that these killings are not random acts of violence but a collective organized effort moving into domestic terrorism with the most fanatic, unbalanced people being used to carry it out. ... This is an issue of control - just like any other terrorist act of intimidation" - perpetrated by "religious zealots" and "middle-aged white men" with gender problems.

Bruce said that she and those who work at L.A. NOW take special precautions and have taken action against people who have made death and rape threats. "All of us have to take this very seriously. The two women who were killed were receptionists just doing their job. In one second they had a gun in their face. But their deaths are not going to stop abortion and the anti-abortion activists know it," Bruce says.

Bruce was glad that both President Clinton and Republican U.S. Senate Majority leader Bob Dole have called the Brookline killings "domestic terrorism" and are now taking the belief seriously that the murders of Pro-Choice activists may be part of a national conspiracy. Fund for the Feminist Majority leader Katherine Spillar is currently in Arlington, Virginia working with the U.S. Justice Department to investigate the conspiracy theory and to consider how to better protect clinics.

Arcidi calls the idea of a conspiracy "bunk. Every Pro-Life group I've met, and many I haven't, have consistently said there is no room for violence in a Right to Life movement. It's not Pro-Life to kill. John Salvi was deranged," says Arcidi. "I know that the Right to Life view is grossly misrepresented. I don't know any Right to Lifers who in any way advocate violence. This is disgusting - we can't kill anyone." He says his movement is maligned much as gays have been. "The gay community is grossly misrepresented in much of the press for the same reason the Right to Life movement is grossly misrepresented - to make a sensational story."

But reporters who wanted sensational copy needed only visit the jail where Salvi was held in Virginia, where Don Spitz of Pro Life of Virginia and his followers stood vigil with signs bearing such messages as "John Salvi – Prisoner of War."

Spitz seemed determined to prove Bruce's point about inflammatory anti-abortion rhetoric: he told reporters that if Salvi's intent was to "prevent innocent babies from being put to death, then they were justified and moral shootings. ... Is the life of a receptionist worth more than thousands of unborn babies?" Then, turning towards the jail, Spitz yelled through a bullhorn to Salvi: "We are here to support you. We love you. Thank you."

"Regardless of how we personally feel about abortion," Bruce told the *B.A.R.*, "it's important to realize that this isn't about abortion or who we sleep with. It's about control of another individual..."

Before he was extradited to Massachusetts, Salvi wrote what was described as a "rambling" six-page letter. What the press quoted from that letter was Salvi's wish to be executed if found guilty or to become a Catholic priest if found innocent of the Brookline killings. What was not widely reported - though the Associated Press reprinted the whole letter - was Salvi's belief that "there is a movement in society to destroy the Catholic Church," and that the Church is a government that should print its own currency.

The most bizarre portion of the letter was left out. Apparently Salvi thought he was being poisoned by Virginia prison officials. In his letter, dated Jan. 4, AP quoted him as saying that he had not eaten in four days because his food had been tampered with. He cited one instance where he was fed bacon, eggs, and grits. "The grits appeared to have semen in them or commonly called cum. I ate the grits anyway. However it turned my stomach and I began to get sick." A doctor was called, but Salvi was found healthy enough to be sent back to Massachusetts to face trial for murder. ▼

New Laws

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current hate crime laws.

• Adequate funding for hate crime statistics gathering became effective as urgency legislation last September 30.

• The California Schools Hate Violence Reduction Act of 1995, sponsored by Assemblywoman Barbara Lee (D-Oakland), requires the State Board of Education to adopt guidelines to prevent and respond to hate violence and to incorporate human relations education into existing curricula.

• The Workplace Violence Safety Act would allow an employer to obtain court orders preventing workplace violence or "credible threats of violence" against an employee.

• It is now a criminal misdemeanor for a person to look through a hole into a bathroom with the intent to invade the privacy of persons.

• In sex offense prosecutions, evidence that the victim suggested, requested, or communicated to the defendant that defendant use a condom or other birth control device is not legally sufficient to constitute consent.

• Spousal rape is now a crime, and current or previous marital status is not sufficient to constitute consent if consent is at issue.

• The criminal penalties for Domestic Violence have increased.

• Termination of a criminal act for failure of a complaining witness who has been personally subpoenaed to appear is not a bar to any other prosecution for the same offense where it is a misdemeanor charging an offense based on an act of domestic violence.

HIV and Healthcare

• Upon a probable cause finding, a victim of a sex offense may request a court to issue a search warrant for HIV testing of a defendant where a police report alleges the commission of a separate uncharged sex offense.

• With or without consent of a patient, a healthcare provider may – subject to prescribed procedures – perform HIV testing. And a person who experienced significant exposure to that person's blood would be authorized to be informed of that patient's HIV status. While exempting a healthcare provider from civil or criminal liability for such testing or disclosure, this new law allows criminal liability for a provider who does not comply with the prescribed procedures and such action results in harm to the source patient.

• Effective June 30, 1994, prosecutors or prosecutors' victim-witness assistance bureaus were required to refer victims of certain sex offenses, for which the defendant has been required to submit to AIDS testing, to the local health officer for counseling and that officer is required to inform the victim, upon request of the AIDS test results.

• It is now a civil tort for any person to "prevent ingress or egress to or from" a healthcare facility "or to disrupt normal functioning" of that facility. Persons doing so may be civilly sued.

• Healthcare providers are not subject to criminal prosecution, civil liability, discipline for unprofessional conduct or other sanctions, when they honor requests to forego resuscitative measures. Also, a provider may assume that a request is valid.

• Employers are now required to extend an employee's healthcare coverage to former employees and their spouses if the employee is over 60 years of age on the date employment ends and that employee was employed for at least five years. The new law, which follows already existing federal law, also requires the employer to provide an employee notice and free choice of this extended coverage.

Gender Issues and Others

• It is now illegal for an employer to refuse to allow an employee to wear pants on account of gender.

• Beginning June 1, 1995, gender-based pricing by cosmetologists and barbers is prohibited.

• Sexual harassment that "occurs as part of a professional relationship" could be the basis for a civil lawsuit. Examples of professional relationships covered include physician, psychotherapist, dentist-patient; landlord or property manager-tenant; teacher-student; and attorney, family or child counselor-client.

• Mailing of ballot pamphlets to voters must begin not less than 40 days before an election.

• Incarcerated individuals may now be prosecuted for stalking where they make a credible threat with the intent of placing another in fear for his or her safety, or the safety of his or her immediate family.

• A new formula has been established for determining child support obligations.

• Immigration consultants must display a statement to clients that they are not an attorney. Violators of this requirement are subject to civil penalties and criminal prosecution.

• A bidder or contractor convicted of employing an undocumented immigrant in the last five years would be ineligible to bid or receive a public works or purchase contract.

• A new public holiday, Cesar Chavez Day, is established on March 31. ▼

Same-Sex

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"The discrimination Congress was concerned about when it enacted Title VII is one stemming from an imbalance of power and an abuse of that imbalance by the powerful which results in discrimination against a discrete and vulnerable group," the Illinois court ruled in the earlier same-gender harassment case.

The Illinois court said that the alleged victim could not have "worked in an environment that treated males as inferior," because the alleged harasser was also a man. The alleged victim "may have been harassed 'because' he is a male, but that harassment was not of a kind which created an anti-male environment in the workplace," the judge wrote.

Yet other courts, including two in Illinois, have ruled that same-gender harassment is covered under federal laws prohibiting gender discrimination.

Gay and lesbian legal experts said they were disappointed in the Maryland ruling, and they questioned the judge's reasoning.

"This area of the law is concerned with abuses of power," said Patricia Logue, managing attorney for Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund's Chicago office. "This case involves a supervisor and someone he supervises."

"If the facts prove that sexual harassment has occurred – that a person in a position of power harassed someone – then the sexual orientation and gender of the people involved should be irrelevant," said Robin Kane, director of public information for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

Kane said Harvey's ruling makes it even more unclear what U.S. law on same-gender harassment really is.

"Clearly, the law on this needs to become more uniform around the country," she said. "There needs to be some consistency so that employees – whether gay or straight – know what their rights are and how the law applies to them."

Hopkins has said he will appeal the case. Logue said that the Maryland case is not a good one to go to a federal appeals court because Hopkins does not have a clear-cut case of harassment.

Judge Harvey himself noted that in his ruling, rejecting Hopkins' assertion that he was dismissed from the company for pursuing his sexual harassment claims and questioning whether Hopkins had enough evidence to make any type of sexual harassment claim.

Harvey also said that Swadow "was crude, insensitive and offensive to all of his employees" and that he had once allegedly sexually harassed a female employee. That employee had filed an internal company complaint against Swadow.

Hopkins had claimed that, among other things, Swadow made repeated sexual innuendoes toward Hopkins and once shined a magnifying lens on Hopkins' crotch, asking "Where is it?" The company itself had investigated Hopkins' claims and said that there was not enough evidence to show that sexual harassment took place. ▼

Parade

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were voting members), was held in the parade offices in Suite 3001 of the Construction Center Building, located at 205 13th Street at Mission.

Writer Tommy Avicolli Mecca told the *Bay Area Reporter* he was one of those advocating for the World Without Borders theme, because he thought it was an appropriate way of addressing Proposition 187, immigrant bashing, and racism in general. "We thought it really important that the gay/lesbian community go on record in a big way against the bashing and racism that has been dredged up by Pete Wilson and his cronies."

Backers of the winning theme felt that it was an inclusive title that "really does include everybody and a world which represents the best thinking of Mohandas Gandhi and Martin Luther King Jr.," Avicolli Mecca said.

Avicolli Mecca said the theme was obviously – and appropriately – "very political," and placed the gay/lesbian movement "in solidarity with all of the international struggles. It's really a perfect slogan for 1995." He said it was necessary for the queer community to make a statement in the face of "another rising wave of conservatism. We are dealing with a lot of really scary stuff right now," he said.

Eloise Magenheim, chair of the Social Action Committee of Congregation Sha'ar Zahav (a progressive Reform synagogue with a special outreach to the gay/lesbian bisexual community), also backed the "World Without Borders" theme. "Borders only divide," she told the *B.A.R.* "It's time for us to come together and unite." Calling the theme "a great statement," she ventured that "San Francisco sets the trend – sets the agenda – and we won't stand idly by while this scapegoating is going on around us." ▼



OBITUARIES

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Christopher Louis Grubaugh

Oct. 20, 1954 – Dec. 16, 1994



Acerbic, sincere, social arbiter, optimistic, encourager, penny loafers, button-down shirts, bullshit, insightful, pool player, deco & mid-century aficionado, art patron and collector, gracious host, avid reader, gallant gourmet and mad for music, martinis and mischief.

Chris called San Francisco his home for two decades. His parents, Chet and Jenny Grubaugh of Clay Center, Kansas, were with him for the final month of his life. In addition to his parents, he is survived by two brothers, a sister and friends from Sweden to San Francisco. ▼

Albert J. Cesario

March 25, 1955 – Dec. 15, 1994



The passing of my closest and beloved friend, Albert J. Cesario, was unsurprising but, at this moment, still remains inconceivable for those who loved him.

Albert's serious accomplishments as a microbiologist with Abbott, Pharmacia, Baxter, Sang-Stat and Pyramid Laboratories were clearly impressive. His precious gifts, to those of us in deep and stongfelt mourning, were his intuitive knowledge of us ... a knowledge that went beyond what we will ever know of ourselves, leaving us with the remarkable capacity to laugh with and at ourselves.

I respectfully acknowledge the burden of pain, produced by Albert's life transformation, as experienced by his loving family and friends: the dear and sweet Jim and Fran, who gave to us this incredible gift of nature; his brothers, Jay, John and Mark; his friends, Sam and Leo, Barbara, Debbie, Tim and Dale, Steve and Willard, Jim, Ron, Tim and Bob. How helplessly childlike his passing has made us feel. The supportive care of the Sherman Oaks Medical Center of Los Angeles, its nursing staff and Dr. Anthony Scarsella cannot be overestimated or overemphasized.

As celebrated in the preface to the requiem Mass, "Life is changed, not taken away." ▼

Michael Gordon ("Rusty") Dickens

Feb. 2, 1949 – Dec. 25, 1994



Rusty died peacefully after a long struggle with AIDS. He lived through the heyday of disco and the '80s like there would never be a tomorrow. He was known for tearing up and down Folsom and Castro on his Harley Davidson FXR. He loved to entertain and be the center of attention, and he was good at it. His dry wit, mixed with a great delivery, brought many of us a laugh.

Rusty inherently knew time was passing quickly, and wanted us to share the joy and wonder of living in the country as he had when he was growing up in Texas. We packed our bags, looking a little like Oliver and Lisa on *Green Acres*, and moved away to Petaluma, where life and death on the farm seemed to come together often. Together we built as true to idyllic a life as anybody could imagine.

Like many of us who have had to live a dual life hiding and hurting us and those we love, Rusty lived many lives in his lifetime. He had a great love for life and wanted to share that with those he cared about. ▼

William Wallace Ratchford III "Bill"

1940 – 1994



We lost a most extraordinary individual on October 18 when Bill's body finally yielded to the infections brought upon by immune deficiency.

Born and raised in NYC, Bill earned a degree in journalism from Fordham University. Following graduation, he served in the Air Force. His love of the world led him to seek a career with the State Department. While an employee of the department, Bill fought and won a three-year battle for civil rights. His efforts resulted in a legal decision which limited the State Department's ability to question the sexual preferences of its employees. He considered this to be his most significant accomplishment.

Bill relocated to San Francisco to start a career with the fine arts museums. He worked for the M.H. de Young and the Legion of Honor from 1976 until declining health necessitated early retirement in 1992.

Bill is survived by his mother, Eleanor Schiaffino, and his longtime companion, Michael Work. He will continue to live in the memories of many close friends: Harriette, Louise, Eric, Loretta, Debbie, Martin, Cathy, Bob, Delores, Bobby, Carlos, Ed, Ingrid, Nick, Ralph, Norman, Paul, Bill and many others in Greece, Holland, the Philippines and the U.K. ▼

Lee Jimenez

1949 – 1994



Lee died Dec. 21 at Kaiser Hospital in Santa Clara, following a lengthy illness. His lifetime friend, Martin, was at his side throughout his final days.

Lee was born in Los Angeles and also lived in Salinas for many years before moving to San Jose 15 years ago. At the time of his death, Lee was planning a move to San Francisco to live with his intimate friend, Ramon Contreras. Lee was a well-known Peninsula hairstylist, who worked at the Stanford Saks Fifth Avenue and Oakridge Bullock's salons, among others.

Lee was active on many bike runs during the past seven years, where he set up mini-salons and always donated all proceeds to AIDS-associated charities.

Lee is survived by a large family, including his mother, Eva Luzunaris of Salinas; father, Ventura Jimenez of Los Angeles; and many loving friends, especially his "sister dear," David Reyna.

Lee will be remembered for his tremendous spirit, personal integrity and loving nature. Thank you, Lee. ▼

Laraine Kristi Gamnon

December 27, 1994



Rayn Gamnon, barber at Louie's on Castro and life partner of Margy Henderson at Nimbus Barbershop, died Dec. 27 during treatment for leukemia.

Rayn was a great and loving soul. Her initial reserve covered a tender, vulnerable, compassionate heart. She listened well and always spoke the truth with a gentle snap.

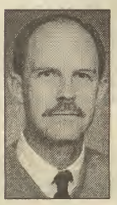
She loved the Castro and the freedom to hold hands with Margy, who adored her for 22 years. Rayn's grown kids, Keith, Dawn and Steven, and her granddaughter, Hanna, will sorely miss her.

Please donate blood if you're able. Rayn received a lot of it, and it can come only from our own bodies for each other.

Blessed be. ▼

Carl "Marty" Martin

Nov. 12, 1954 – Dec. 31, 1994



Marty never gave up in his battle with HIV disease; he simply was not allowed to fight anymore. With the support of his life partner, Nate Herrington, family and friends, Marty overcame major challenges with a strong will and determination to never be a victim of his disease. With a biting wit and zest for having a good time, he attracted people's attention, curiosity and love simply by "being Marty."

A resident of San Francisco since September 1991, Marty was a transplanted "Southerner," born in Baldwin, Mississippi. A licensed medical technologist, he worked with UCSF's IVF Program for three months until he became ill. For those who had the good fortune of knowing him, Marty could not fail to touch your heart, and if you weren't careful, anything else that struck his fancy. Honey, we'll never forget you!

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, January 21, at 3 p.m. at the Metropolitan Community Church, 150 Eureka Street. If desired, donations in his memory can be made to the Godfather Service Fund, 584 Castro No. 225, SF, CA 94111. ▼

Stephen E. Boyle

Nov. 30, 1959 – Jan. 5, 1995



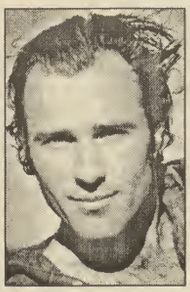
Stephen passed away at Royal Melbourne Hospital surrounded by his loved ones after a long battle with complications of HIV disease. He was comfortable and peaceful at the time of his death and has now joined many dear friends who have preceded him.

Stephen was a very loving and caring person, who always placed the feelings of others above his own concerns. Those who were fortunate enough to have had him in their lives will always remember him dearly.

Stephen was born and raised in Melbourne, Australia; had frequently visited the U.S.; and resided in San Francisco for the past five years. He recently enjoyed attending Gay Games IV and the Stonewall celebration in New York before returning home to Australia for health care reasons in July. In November, he was able to fulfill a longtime dream of scuba diving the Great Barrier Reef. He is survived by his loving mother and father, two sisters, two nieces and a large extended family. ▼

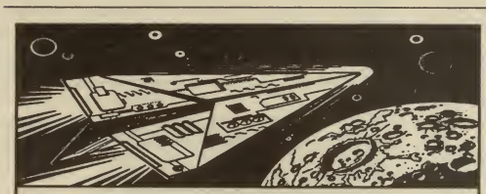
Scott Taylor Hampton

1954-1994



Local performance artist and video star Scott Taylor Hampton died in San Francisco December 22nd due to complications from AIDS. Born in the Midwest in 1954, but raised in Southern California he evolved into a precocious child who played musical instruments and staged neighborhood plays with himself as star. When his career ambitions reached beyond the backyard he made the short migration to Los Angeles in his late teens where he excelled as artist and puppeteer. But it was his phenomenal good looks and massive endowment where it most counts in a man that led him to his ultimate fame as a porn star, beginning with the film "Roughcut" in 1977. Among his other films were "The Boys of Venice," "My Masters" and "Cutting Edge," released last year. But his demand for total creative control over his films made him anathema to the porn factories who wanted only passive drones to crank out their endless product. Consequently, others with less talent became bigger stars than he, but the handful of films Taylor left behind may yet be the only ones history has much interest in fifty years hence for they bare the stamp of his originality. Taylor was a prolific writer, a talented sculptor, dancer and musician but he was forever overshadowed and ultimately overwhelmed by his sexual persona. He reached his creative apogee as a Performance Artist in the 1980's when he was able to bring together his diverse talents in electrifying stage exhibitions of such high sexual energy that his audiences would sometimes flee in terror in mid-performance. Anyone who ever witnessed Scott Taylor at his high-voltage best on stage has truly experienced the power of "theatre." However, the iconoclastic rage that fueled his antics on-stage served Taylor poorly off, and he alienated legions of people who tried to aid his career. His personal confrontations are legend. Taylor spent much of his restless life in travel, but with clocklike regularity would return to The City and its single-occupancy hotels. It could be said of one who started out with so much promise and who died still so young that his life was cut short. Yet anyone who knew Scott Taylor knew he packed his brief life with more passion and enthusiasm than most of us will know if we live to be a hundred. Goodnight Sweet Prince.

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OBITUARIES

Pieter M. Bergman

Nov. 1, 1960 – Nov. 19, 1994



Pieter passed away November 19 at Davies Hospital from complications of AIDS.

Pieter was born and raised on the Peninsula. He lived there his entire life except for two years during the mid-80s when he attended UC Santa Barbara.

Pieter's interests included photography and his collections of antique telephones, watches, cameras, fountain pens, model airplanes and San Francisco trivia. He worked for several banking firms throughout the Bay Area and was an administrator for PRC Public Sector Inc. at the time of his death.

Pieter's friends remember him for his quick and direct wit, photographic memory and looks, and his wealth of knowledge that he was always eager to share.

A toast to Pieter's memory will be held on Sunday, January 22, from 3 to 5 p.m. Please call (415) 550-8052 in the City or (415) 375-0716 on the Peninsula for more information. ▼

Ben Ernest Davidson

Sept. 24, 1937 – Dec. 28, 1994



Ben, a charming, sweet-natured native of Texas, left this incarnation after a five-month battle with AIDS.

Moving to San Francisco in the early '60s, Ben was hooked and remained here until the last two months of his life when he returned to Texas to be with his family. A lover of beauty (in men and nature), he ended up founding Unique Custom Framers and Gallery in the Castro. He was loved for his ability to make anyone feel special and cherished, and it is this quality above all else that will remain in the minds of those who love him.

Ben is survived by his loving and devoted partner of 16 years, Glen McLeod. He leaves behind a mother, Beatrice Davidson, and a brother, Parke, who cared for him untiringly when he returned to Texas. A very special thank you to the Hospice of Austin, Texas, for their speedy and helpful service to his family in their hour of need.

I love you, Boo-Boo, and I will always carry you with me. See you in your next incarnation. With everlasting love – Glen. ▼

Michael B. Howe

Nov. 12, 1952 – Dec. 11, 1994

Mother Nature and God have moved this shining star to another plane.



Michael was surrounded by family and friends while he prepared for his transition. He maintained his unique sense of humor, lifting the spirits of his loved ones. He had a flair for laughter that enriched all who were fortunate enough to experience it. *You will be missed and always remembered in our hearts.*

There will be a memorial service at MCC, 150 Eureka Street, on Jan. 14 at 1 p.m. ▼

IN MEMORY

Gary A. Oliver

Sept. 25, 1963 - Dec. 24, 1994



Your greatest gift was being a part of my life. You left me better than you found me.

Love always,
Steven B.

Justin Alan Ellis

Oct. 14, 1961 – Jan. 4, 1995



Justin slipped from the loving nest of his leather dad, Bill Dietsch, and his lifemate, Robert Montaldo, as they held him in their arms at their home in San Francisco at 03:33, January 4. Also surviving Justin is his father, Kenneth Ellis of Hermitage, Arkansas; and brothers, Wayne, Carl and Dale.

Born in Spain to a military family, Justin spent his childhood traveling the world. At 18, he joined the Navy, served in a classified position, and was honorably discharged after six years of service. In civilian life, he entered the insurance industry. At the time of his death, he was a licensed broker with the firm of Dimock and Associates in San Francisco.

Justin waged an intense, painful and inspiringly brave battle against cancer. Always giving, his final wish was to donate his body for research.

Your loving and dedicated spirit was a profound addition to Robert's and my life, and your loss is overwhelming, Justin. No leatherman could ask for a more loving boy. Rest quietly now, sweet man; you were one of the best.

Memorial service: January 21, 2 p.m., Swedenborgian Church, 2107 Lyon Street. Leather welcome. ▼

Richard Joseph Miller

1956 – 1995



Richard Joseph Miller, 38, died with his mother at his side on January 5 of AIDS-related illnesses. Richard was the seventh child of Frank and Betty Miller of Haverstraw, New York. He was preceded in death by his eldest brother, Martin Miller, who succumbed to AIDS in 1988. Richard is survived by his mother and father, four brothers and four sisters, 14 nieces and nephews, and five great-nieces and nephews.

A lover and collector of antique clocks, oil lamps and men, Richard will be remembered for his cutting humor and his wild, wild ways. He was awarded the title of "Russian River Leather Daddy's Boy" in 1991 and rode on a float in the Gay Pride Parade in San Francisco that year.

A memorial will be held in Berkeley, California, on Friday, January 13, at the home of his sister, Karen Dalton-Lenoir (510-548-3807). In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Richard's name to the Center for AIDS Services, 5720 Shattuck Avenue, Oakland, CA 94609 or Re-plen-ish (a retreat for AIDS caregivers), P.O. Box 410592, San Francisco, CA 94141-0592. ▼

Paul David Wilensky

Nov. 5, 1957 – Jan. 2, 1995

Paul transcended his physical body after fighting a courageous battle against AIDS.



Born in Washington, D.C., Paul achieved his success in radio broadcasting. His creativity and expertise were recognized by Viacom, which named him its youngest vice-president at the age of 29. He was also elected national president of the Country Radio Broadcasters Association.

Paul devoted much of his energies to the welfare of others. Among his major concerns were the homeless, for whom he organized many clothing and food drives.

Paul's greatest efforts were focused in the fight against AIDS, producing and organizing major fundraisers for many San Francisco-based AIDS organizations. Notable among these was the 1993 Saturday night program on the Mall in Washington, D.C., during the display of the NAMES Quilt.

Paul is survived by his partner, Jim Gutschick; his sisters, Susan Wilensky Berg and Jane Wilensky; Susan's husband, Steven; his foster parents, Sandra and Stephen Breslauer; his foster brother, David Breslauer; and many other loving relatives and friends.

Donations in Paul's memory may be sent to the charity of your choice or the San Francisco AIDS Foundation. ▼

Kristopher John Van Kampen

June 29, 1958 – Dec. 9, 1994



Kristopher left this life in a room filled with love and peace in the company of his family of friends and sisters. Throughout his life he shared his wisdom and insights with many. Kris could find both the complexities and the beauty of this world. With the dying experience, he gave to us in his death as he gave to us in his life.

Kristopher was born in Wisconsin, lived in Seattle and Maui, but San Francisco was his home. He worked at Adolf Gasser, Sierra Natural Foods, the *Nose Magazine*, One-Eyed Jacks and other places. However, his main endeavors were entrepreneurial. He was an inventor, an artist, an expediter and a rubber stamp maker. He always sought to improve the way things worked.

Kris is survived by his loving friends, Margaret, Theo, Gregory, Barbara, Gloria, Mark, Ed, Jack and Mark; his parents; six sisters; five brothers; and five stepsiblings. He was preceded in death by his mother, Rita Carroll.

Thanks to the Coming Home Hospice for providing loving care and angels. Please make donations to Coming Home Hospice.

For information about the memorial service, please contact his sister Penny at (612) 922-1787. ▼

Dennis Richard Norris

Feb. 13, 1943 – Dec. 18, 1994



Richard passed away peacefully at Davies Medical Center in the early morning after a two-year illness.

Born in the Harrisburg, Penn. area and a longtime Washington, D.C. resident, Richard attended Georgetown University (BA, MA – history), and taught history at the National Ballet Academy (1969-74). By 1977 life led him to San Francisco, where he worked at the Hotel Vintage Court as reservations manager until 1990.

Richard was preceded in death by his longtime partner, Paul Denucce, in 1988. He is survived by his loving and devoted parents, Richard and Margaret Norris; brother, Rev. Thomas Norris, OSFS; Ken Witkowski and Patrick Dunne; John Logan; Rev. David Jenkins; and in San Francisco, Tom Hollis, David Bell, Philip Partipilo, Jim Campbell, Phil Fraker, Don Roberts, Florence Lave, Joseph DiNallo, Sergei Rei and Dean Yabuki.

A memorial Mass will be held Tuesday, Jan. 17, 7 p.m. at Most Holy Redeemer Church, 100 Diamond St., SF, with a reception celebrating Richard's life at his home following the service. Contributions can be made to Project Open Hand, Merola Opera Program or Family Link. For further information, please call Dean Yabuki (510) 832-5355. ▼

John (John Boy) Peterson

December 31, 1994



John died of AIDS at Peter Claver House. He was a loving member of the Martin de Porres Community.

John was the brother of Sonja, Laurie and Karen of Wisconsin, and a loving uncle to Pookie. His many experiences in life sharpened his humor and opened his heart. His compassion and wit will be missed by all who knew him.

A memorial service will be held at Martin de Porres House, 225 Potrero Avenue, on Thursday, January 19, at 4 p.m. ▼

Wally Hilton

March 25, 1952 – Jan. 23, 1994

I have not dared before today/to say what words cannot say/but today was such a beautiful day



"This Earthly Pass": This earthly pass is sorrow filled from longing/where joy and bliss escape through open eyes./I did not choose this path nor would I seek it/but for the tears of freedom left unshed./Where is the voice that will not speak in/whisper,/the guiding light that does not doubt its/flame?/What secret courage makes a seed a flower/that, falling down, it rises up again? (Wally Hilton – 10/14/80)

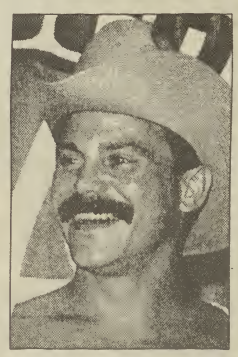
Wally is survived by his loving family from North Carolina, the Martin de Porres community, the Radical Faeries, and various plant and animal friends. ▼

Michael S. Valerio

March 23, 1954 - January 5, 1995

Michael S. Valerio, creator and former executive producer of the Folsom Street Fair, died in San Francisco at the age of 40 on January 5, 1995. At his side was his sister, Victoria Plaine.

Guided by the belief that the world only loves an original, Michael created the Fair in 1984, a non-profit event that has raised thousands of dollars for charity. The fair was nominated several times by the Cable Car Award board, having received the Outstanding Event by the Men's Community award in 1986. In 1990 Michael helped form South of Market Merchants and Individual Lifestyle Events (SMMILE), a non-profit organization that went on to receive the Cable Car Outstanding Community Event award for their efforts on the Folsom Street Fair in 1992.



Michael was an advisor to several Mr. San Francisco Leather contest committees, judged Bare Chest contests and was the first winner of the Mr. Financial District award in 1984.

The South of Market area was Michael's home for the last several years of his life. It was also the place where he played and worked, hard. He was the assistant director at Tenants and Owners Development Corporation (TODCO) (1975 - 85), where he supervised property development and the management of low-income housing in the Yerba Buena Garden project area. He was also the publisher of the 'Southern Oracle', (1988-89), a South of Market newspaper.

Producing events was Michael's passion. He was the operations and marketing manager for the San Francisco Fair (1991 and 1992) and the producer of the kick-off event at the Sheraton Palace Hotel for the 1984 Democratic Convention.

Michael is survived by his sister Victoria and her husband Boyd Plaine, nieces, nephew, grand nieces and nephew. Michael will be remembered by many friends ("extended" family members) and business associates. He was preceded in death by his brother Tom Valerio and parents, Thomas and Francis Valerio.

Donations can be made in his honor to Visiting Nurses & Hospice of San Francisco (3360 Geary Blvd., San Francisco 94118) or Davies Medical Center, AIDS Ward (Castro & Duboce Streets, San Francisco 94114). A memorial will be held on 1/15/95 at the San Francisco Columbarium (1 Loraine Court, for further directions call 221.1838), at 1:00 p.m. with a reception following in a nearby restaurant.

In his will, Michael expressed distinct satisfaction about his life and career. Perhaps because of this contentment he was able to part with the following sentiment: "The time has come to celebrate. I enjoyed my life...I have achieved my purpose and I feel fulfilled (have for years). Please try not to be sad about this. Try very, very, very hard."

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Cereal Monogamy

by Michael C. Botkin

A recent survey reports that only five percent of the men in gay couples are "faithful" to their partners. This stands in stark contrast to the latest major poll on the sex habits of the heterosexual population, which claimed that the vast majority of married people were strictly monogamous. Of course, the same poll said that a majority of teenage boys never masturbate, so some people have questioned its validity. But no one feels compelled to challenge the assumption that gay men are hopeless sluts.

Although I lack the temerity to entirely dismiss such a universally acknowledged truth, I have always felt that it is somewhat overstated. For one thing, it is almost impossible to get a fair sample of the "gay community," a factor that makes hash of most attempts to survey us. For another, hardly anyone, gay or straight, tells the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth to a sex researcher. The subject is so embarrassing that most people just tell the interviewer whatever they think he or she wants – or expects – to hear. Thus straights claim strict monogamy and gays acknowledge significant promiscuity.

For years I was a closet monogamist, uncomfortable with promiscuity and, had I but known it then, destined for nesting with a single Significant Other. (Not everyone is, and I no longer accept moral judgments on either the monogamous or promiscuous; it's just important to know which one you are.) But expressing such desire was taboo in the gay community when I first came out, not quite two decades ago. The advent of AIDS since then has sparked a much-hyped "flight to monogamy" that I find as phony and irritating as the

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sexual-revolutionary rhetoric of yesteryear which demanded promiscuity.

And demand it did. My first two boyfriends, far from being apologetic for their hyperactive whoring around, were quite strident in denouncing me for my political incorrectness in protesting their promiscuity. The proper solution for my jealousy, they explained, was for me to go out cruising on my own.

So I learned how to cruise, as they suggested, only to find that when I did so they became just as jealous as I'd been of their extracurricular activity. This tipped me off to the fact that the issue was more complex than simply casting off patriarchal, heterosexist conditioning, as they'd claimed. After all, lesbians, as a group far more interested in throwing off patriarchal shackles, are as notoriously monogamous as gay men are promiscuous.

This fact, if fact it be, isn't well-documented for the simple reason that hardly anyone is researching lesbian sexual behavior. Yet it is widely believed, as is evidenced by the old joke "What does a lesbian bring on the second date?" (Answer 1: "Her toothbrush." Answer 2: "A moving van." Answer 3: "Her mother.") If it is true it would suggest to me that gay men and lesbian women simply reflect mainstream gender socialization. Thus, in a society where men are encouraged to be promiscuous and women monogamous, it's only natural that relationships containing two men are more likely to be "open" while those embracing two women are more likely to be "closed."

Principled Promiscuity

Another complicating factor is figuring out just what people mean when they claim "monogamy." My partner and I were dumbfounded when a young, vivacious bisexual friend of ours cheerfully described herself as being a "serial monogamist." This phrase refers to the practice of having only one sexual relationship at a time, without any extramural activity for its duration, and we had no trouble recalling at least a half-dozen lapses on her part in the past few months.

"Oh, those don't count. They were just one-night stands," she countered. But you can see how such idiosyncratic definitions complicate matters. One person's monogamy is another's promiscuity, and it's amazing how much furor such semantic differences can arouse when they're uncovered.

In response to this interesting redefinition, I coined the phrase "cereal monogamy," which refers to a couple that faces each other over bowls of cereal every morning (or latte and yogurt, depending on the lifestyles involved), regardless of where, or with whom, they spent the previous night. The unspoken contract is that the relationship takes priority over all other liaisons, and that little lapses and wanderings are tolerated as long as they don't threaten the status quo.

The most successful open relationships, so far as I can discern from the murky data, are those that adhere to what I call "the principle of least obtrusiveness." People will tolerate a fair amount of wandering by their partners as long as their face isn't rubbed in it; what's out of sight is easier to keep out of your mind. Thus the heterosexual men who get serviced by other men at "rest stops" on the highways cause their wives little distress, because the spouses never even suspect what's going on.

Such "deviant" behavior is, in fact, easier to tolerate than having hubby come home late smelling of cheap perfume and smeared with another woman's lipstick. This is obtrusive; it allows the "cheated" partner no opportunity to avoid the issue, which they might prefer. Attempts to accomplish "in-your-face" promiscuity generally fail to clear this barrier.

Sanctioned Sin

One common, if mistaken, approach for gay men seeking to "open" their relationship is to go out together to find occasional, temporarily third partners. This is rarely satisfying for all the involved parties. The "third man" often feels marginalized by the couple, or the attraction is not quite mutual and one participant becomes the "odd man out." Very few couples are so secure that they can enjoy watching their partner enjoy sex with someone else (which isn't to deny that some people find this the ultimate turn-on).

More often than not, everyone involved feels at least slightly awkward at best. A friend of mine who frequents the baths (for despite the crusade of St. Randy, there's no shortage of them in the Bay Area) reported the wanderings of one such couple at a local establishment. They were shopping for a third, but couldn't agree on anyone available. When one partner liked somebody, the other invariably vetoed the choice with rather too obviously expressed contempt. Not only did they go home unhappy, but their persnickety attitude pissed off everyone they encountered.

Arrangements that minimize the impact of promiscuity tend to come off far more smoothly. This is why "cheating" – screwing around secretly – is so popular. If anything, there is a prejudice against being honest about having an open relationship. The same bath-going friend mentioned above is frequently asked – only after the completion of the sexual act – whether or not he has a boyfriend. When he answers yes, they're not at all surprised. But when they slyly ask if his partner knows where he is that night, they're universally shocked and horrified when he again answers, "Yes."

The distinct impression I get is that they're happy to participate in "cheating" but are turned off by the possibility that my friend is being honest with his partner. Is it that "forbidden fruit" (no pun intended) is tastier than sanctioned sin?

A couple of weeks ago, I overhead a heterosexual quartet discussing monogamy at a table next to mine in a restaurant. One guy claimed that living with women sets off a subtle hormonal change in their male partners, just at two women living together often find that their menstrual patterns go into synch.

"Other women can subliminally scent that a man is already living with a woman, and are turned off by the subconsciously recognized fact," he maintained.

I don't have any trouble believing that these subtle hormonal changes take place, but I question whether all women are in fact "turned off" by the supposed scent of monogamy. It seems to me equally likely that some women find this ostensibly deterrent odor an irresistible aphrodisiac.

Alas, really accurate sex research, whether hetero or homo, is simply not possible under contemporary conditions – and things are likely to get worse before they get better. Maybe that's for the best; the simplest fact about sex in general and monogamy in particular is that the vast majority of the population prefers blissful ignorance and a display of dutiful adherence to the standard morals over excessive exposure to the messy, complicated facts of life. ▼



Over-the-Counter Acyclovir: Is it a Prescription for Disaster?

by G'dall Braverman
ACT UP/Golden Gate' s Writers' Pool

On Thursday, January 12, the FDA will hold the second joint meeting of the Antiviral Drug and Non-prescription Drug Advisory Committees. The committees, which last met on May 19, 1994, will again be soliciting testimony from health professionals and the community regarding Burroughs Wellcome Inc.'s supplemental application to make acyclovir (also known as Zovirax) an over-the-counter medication for recurrent genital herpes.

At first glance one might think that this was a fine idea that would well serve the needs of people living with HIV/AIDS. After all, what could be more lovely than to simply toss your package of herpes medication into your shopping cart along with your toothpaste, shaving cream, and tampons? However, one need not dig very deep to uncover the true dangers and big money politicking behind this proposal.

At $1.34 billion in projected 1994 sales, acyclovir accounts for a whopping 37.2 percent of Burroughs' total annual sales. So when ACT UP/Golden Gate sent two activists to the FDA last May to testify against taking acyclovir over-the-counter (OTC), you can bet that shock waves reverberated from their offices in the United Kingdom to their headquarters in Research Triangle, North Carolina. In fact, the company was so caught off guard by this community opposition that it scrambled to locate a patient (albeit HIV-negative) to be added to the public testimony roster to speak in favor of acyclovir OTC. (Their efforts seemed almost comically transparent when that patient thanked Burroughs for flying her to Washington and paying for her hotel and expenses.) What wasn't so comical was the obvious lack of presentation from the hundreds of national and local AIDS organizations, many of which are receiving funding from Burroughs Wellcome. ACT UP/Golden Gate submitted for public record, with its testimony in opposition of OTC, a ten-page Burroughs Wellcome list that included this silent majority of grant recipients.

OTC = Cash 'n' Carry

At present, acyclovir is available by prescription only in 200 mg. capsules or 800 mg. tablets. It is approved for use against herpes, and physicians caring for HIV patients commonly use it for this purpose – for example, to treat shingles, a relatively common complication of HIV disease. Although acyclovir is not approved as an anti-HIV drug, a number of studies have shown that people taking antiretrovirals, like AZT, who add acyclovir to their regimen live longer than those who do not take acyclovir. It is estimated that upward of 80 percent of people with HIV use this drug to supplement their therapy. Until now, these people have been able to have their insurance companies pay for acyclovir – an expensive but generally nontoxic drug that may well be helping them stay alive. But if it goes over-the-counter, that will change. After all, insurers don't pay for your toothpaste, tampons, or aspirin.

Despite the clear financial hardship that OTC would place upon people with HIV, the FDA advisory committees are not allowed to consider cost in making their recommendation. The bigger issue from a regulatory perspective, according to Dr. David Fiegal, FDA Director of the Division of Antiviral Drug Products, is, "if this application is approved, acyclovir would be the first systematically administered antimicrobial agent available over the counter in the United States. And, secondly, if approved, it would be the first over-the-counter product for the treatment of a sexually transmitted disease."

Therefore the committees must venture into uncharted seas while carefully weighing risk versus benefit for an individual and for the whole community. Fortunately for people with HIV/AIDS, last year's first round of testimony generated overwhelming support from health professional societies, for ACT UP/Golden Gate's position opposing OTC: Infectious Diseases Society of America, Infectious Diseases Society for Obstetrics & Gynecology, American Academy of Dermatology, National Women's Health Network, and American Society of Hospital Pharmacists were among those opposing OTC. Although no other HIV/AIDS community based organization spoke against OTC (and the National Association of People With AIDS, a B-W grant recipient, spoke in favor of OTC), most of the cost, social, clinical, and epidemiological concerns expressed by ACT UP/Golden Gate were reiterated by experts in the field.

Representing the Centers for Disease Control, Dr. Philip Pellet, Chief of the Herpes Virus Section, emphatically spoke against acyclovir OTC and expressed concerns that "misdiagnosis of other sexually transmitted diseases as genital herpes infections may lead to both inappropriate use of acyclovir and delay or absence of appropriate therapy." Other experts also echoed the activist concern that patient-physician relationships would he weakened if OTC were approved. These are real dangers at a time when sexually transmitted diseases are on the rise and many youths show up at clinics with two or three STDs at once. Contact with a doctor is often the key to screening for infectious diseases such as HIV.

While Burroughs Wellcome insists that acyclovir OTC would come complete with a label recommending that patients consult their doctor before use, the company is simultaneously claiming that OTC's greatest advantage is eliminating the cost and delay associated with doctor's visits.

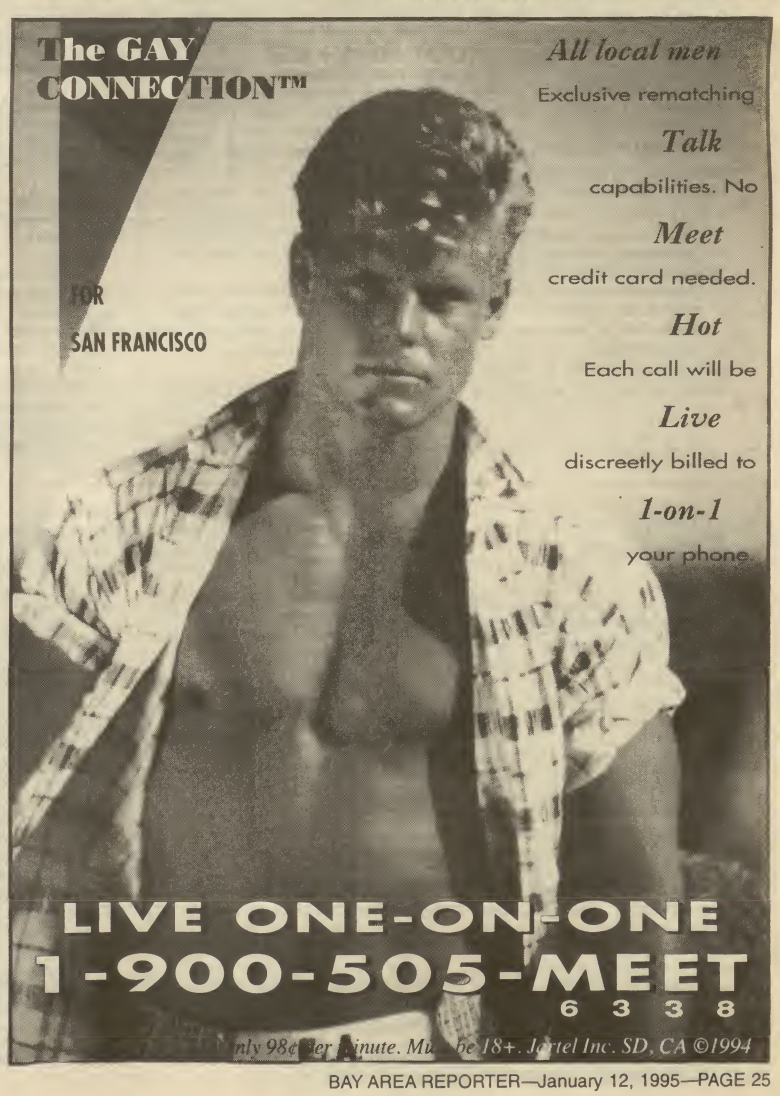
"Easier access will help to encourage prompt treatment," says Dr. Gray Davis of Burroughs Wellcome. But the company ignores the fact that most doctors give prescriptions allowing multiple refills to patients who have recurrent herpes outbreaks. The first diagnostic visit, and its costs, won't change under the company's OTC plan. After that the patient's cost will go up, since they'll be paying for the drug themselves. And in the last seven years Burroughs has increased the wholesale price of acyclovir by over 50 percent – more than making up for its vaunted AZT price cuts.

At current prices, a standard daily dose of acyclovir as chronic suppressive therapy (for an HIV-negative patient) costs approximately $140. Many people with HIV, counting on reimbursement, are spending upwards of $500 per month, taking four times the standard dosage. (Doses of up to 800 mm. four times a day gained popularity during a time when several experimental studies were comparing different higher doses.) Despite two years of negotiations, ACT UP/Golden Gate has been unable to secure a reasonable annual per patient price cap from the company. Negotiating a fair price for acyclovir as an OTC drug would seem just as unlikely an achievement. Burroughs is making every effort to squeeze the last of the big bucks out of acy-

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other charges. Police justified the action as the closure of an illegal nightclub, alleging that admission was being charged, that alcohol was being served on the premises, and that one minor was picked up for public drunkenness at the event.

Attorney Nanci Clarence of the firm Steel, Clarence, and Buckley, told the *B.A.R.* that three attorneys and two paralegals in the firm have interviewed witnesses, and despite police claims, there is little question that the event was a private party.

Although the event was privately sponsored, all donations received were earmarked for Visual AID, a group that supports professional artists with AIDS, according to organizer Terence Alan, who lives at the 938 Harrison Street warehouse site.

Clarence said that attendees wanted to support a worthy cause – she likened the event to a countercultural version of an old fashioned charity bake sale – and said police overreacted to the situation. And now, she said, "They know they made a mistake. They know that alcohol wasn't being served.

"But," she said, "they have to try to justify the outrageous rampage."

A Partygoer's Version

Among those charged in the raid is Joey Cain, a member of Nomenus, the trust for the preservation of the Radical Faerie Sanctuary at Wolf Creek, Oregon, and the Bound Together Bookstore collective. He told the *B.A.R.* that he believes he was targeted for arrest by the police, who entered the premises and ordered the party to close at about 4 a.m., because he demanded to know why they weren't properly displaying their badges or identifying themselves.

"I was standing in the coat check line as police were coming in. I noticed that none had badges displayed," he said.

Cain said that when he demanded to know why the officers weren't wearing badges, one of the men pointed to the area of his own crotch and said that's where his badge was.

"I got on my knees in front of him to look at his badge," Cain told the *Bay Area Reporter*. "I still couldn't see it."

Cain said that as he began yelling at people in the coat check line inside the building to remember the officer's faces and demanded to know why they would not identify themselves, he suddenly found himself on the ground.



Police Chief Tony Ribera

"Three or four cops got me down on the floor. They carried me ten feet away from where the line was. I yelled I'm not resisting arrest, I kept shouting and they kept saying shut up, shut up and I wouldn't shut up," Cain said.

At that point, Cain declared that "an officer from either the left side or behind me put his hand around my throat and squeezed my neck and my throat until I passed out."

Cain said he will join in the class action lawsuit that attorneys expect to file against the SFPD.

Cain believes that he only passed out for a few seconds, and when he came to and once again demanded to know why the officers weren't identifying themselves, officers came from the outside and moved him from the building to the back of a police vehicle where "again an officer put his hand around my throat and squeezed."

Cain says that the doors of the police van were opened and that an officer pushed him in the back and he fell forward onto his chin, gashing it as he got in the van.

Cain told the *Bay Area Reporter* that he's still missing $45 in cash that he says police took from his pockets during his arrest.

"It has completely disappeared. They have no record of it or anything," Cain said.

Cain was charged with felony possession of narcotics and possession of hashish, but those charges were dropped.

"We've heard from a lot of witnesses who are consistent in their reporting. People were trying to leave in an orderly fashion," Clarence said.

The Police Version

According to the police report filed by Sergeant John Haggett, police arrived after receiving a complaint that an illegal party was being held at the premises, and after an investigation ordered it closed.

According to Haggett's report, the crowd was complying with the order to vacate the premises "until Cain started to scream and yell."

The report said "Cain stated fuck the police, we don't have to leave, let's stick together" and that "Cain continued to state that he was not leaving."

"The crowd then started to chant and support Cain. ABC Agent Toomey placed Cain under arrest. Cain then threw himself on the ground and started to scream 'Police brutality, where are your star numbers, where are your star numbers, they have to show their star numbers,'" the report said.

Haggett then said, under penalty of perjury, that Cain continued to struggle as numerous ABC agents attempted to handcuff him.

Haggett reported that two other people were arrested for trying to free Cain from the ABC agents. Cain was "hobbled" and carried to the wagon.

A police sergeant searched Cain, according to the report, and found suspected hashish and a white pill in his right front pants pocket. The items were seized as evidence, according to the report.

Cain called the police version of the incident "a complete fabrication."

An investigation into the police action, including the allegations of police misconduct, will be conducted by the SFPD Management Control Division. Formerly the Internal Affairs Unit, MCD also investigates police officers charged with violating professional standards or criminal conduct while members of the police force.

Clarence told the *Bay Area Reporter* that she believes police acted selectively against the 938 Harrison Street site, and she slammed the department for evident homophobia in referring in their reports to alleged sex acts at the party.

"It's completely irrelevant to the charges," she said.

According to organizer Terence Alan, the police action at the site was in "direct contradiction" of an agreement he had with a police permit officer, that the event could be held as long as hosts did not charge admission or serve alcohol. Alan told the *B.A.R.* he hoped to raise some money for Visual AID because his late lover was an artist who had received financial help from the group while he was in the last stages of the disease.

Arraignments for the remaining defendants arrested at the incident are scheduled for Department 15 Municipal Court on Tuesday, January 31 at the Hall of Justice.

Those arrested at the event, and their supporters, planned to march en masse to the Police Commission meeting on January 11 and also make a presentation before the commission. ▼

About Officer Haggett

City Attorney Louise Renne confirmed that she's keeping an eye on the legal mess stemming from the New Year's police raid at 938 Harrison Street, but what she can't say is that she's probably trying to keep a hand on the city's wallet at the same time.

"I just can't comment. Of course, I'm keeping an eye on it. Oh, for the day they have telephones that will show facial expressions," Renne told the *Bay Area Reporter.*

Renne was responding to the possibility of a class action lawsuit against the city because of the raid, and to revelations that Southern Station Sergeant John Haggett, the reporting officer at the scene, has in the past received two 90-day police misconduct suspensions – the toughest discipline the Commission can mete out short of outright termination – and has been the subject of at least 17 OCC complaints and at least three out-of-court settlements.

Haggett, according to attorney Nanci Clarence, was suspended in 1988 for pistol-whipping a minor on the right side of the face twice without cause while making an arrest. "He's had long and illustrious career as a bigot and abusive cop," she said.

According to American Civil Liberties Union Police Practices Project director attorney John Crew, Haggett had also been the subject of a sustained complaint by the Office of Citizen's Complaints for allegedly retaliating against a citizen. In that April 1992 incident, a Bayview Hunters Point community activist confronted Haggett, who had pulled over two African-American youths, and after the confrontation the officer followed the woman in his police vehicle as she drove off. The woman immediately drove to Potrero Police Station and complained about the incident to the OCC.

The OCC sustained the complaint, but Chief of Police Anthony Ribera – after doing nothing for a year – merely counseled the officer, Crew said. ▼

– Dennis Conkin

Acyclovir

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clovir before the drug goes off patent in 1997, opening the floodgates to generic brand competition. Securing the first position out of the gate, with OTC, is the most critical component to attaining brand recognition before patent protection expires. This year's $1.34 billion could easily be dwarfed by OTC sales figures.

Experts worry that strains of herpes that are resistant to acyclovir could be encouraged by taking the drug off prescription. Dr. Clyde Crumpacker of Harvard Medical School has called acyclovir-resistant herpes "a significant problem in immunocompromised patients," and it is estimated that ten percent of people with AIDS suffer from painful and debilitating acyclovir resistant herpes. At present there is no available effective treatment for these patients it is well known that improper use of a drug – taking less than the prescribed dose, for example, or stopping treatment early – helps promote resistant strains. The increased expense of OTC acyclovir is almost guaranteed to lead to just this sort of reduced or intermittent dosing, which has led to resistant strains of tuberculosis and other diseases. Price, access, and epidemiology simply cannot be treated separately.

Doc Eat Doc Hearings

To be fair, we should remember that groups like the American Medical Association aren't totally impartial. Doctors want to preserve their primary role in treating patients, as well as their income. Taking drugs OTC could be a threat to both.

So, as patients, who are we to believe is acting in our best interest? You can imagine the surprise of ACT UP/Golden Gate's two speakers when they arrived at the FDA hearing last May, only to find that Marcus Conant was at the top of the agenda as a Burroughs Wellcome representative, speaking in favor of OTC!

The San Francisco AIDS doctor with one of the nation's larger HIV practices was speaking as a dermatologist about the merits of OTC for HIV-negative patients, while the American Academy of Dermatology's president Dr. Peyton Weary presented ten slides showing how other diseases ranging from impetigo to pyoderma can easily mimic herpes, proving the dangers of self-diagnosis and treatment.

Conant responded to questions about acyclovir resistance in HIV-positive patients by saying, "as you know, other drugs are coming along. Valacyclovir, which will get much higher blood levels, should be available in the next couple years. If the patient is truly resistant, you go to intravenous foscarnet," yet we, as treatment activists, know that Valacyclovir will be completely ineffective for patients whose herpes is resistant to treatment with acyclovir. Cross-resistance is assured because both drugs rely upon the same mechanism for activation. And does foscarnet than become the "economical" $30,000 per patient per year outcome of making acyclovir an OTC drug and breeding resistance?

The playing field has been muddied. People with HIV are no longer players, but have become the ball that is tossed and kicked around in the best interest of this or that industry or industrialist. Acyclovir is big money, about as big as money gets in the game of AIDS.

Written testimony opposing acyclovir OTC may be faxed to the FDA (301/443-0699), or sent to the FDA Office of Consumer Affairs, at 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 16-8S, Rockville, MD 20857. Ask that your comments be included in public record dockets. Call your local AIDS organizations and encourage them to sign onto ACT UP/Golden Gate consensus letter opposing acyclovir OTC. Ask if they have generated their own letter of clear-cut opposition; not "concern" but opposition! If your doctor is a member of the Bay Area Community Consortium of HIV Physicians thank her/him for their 1994 letter opposing acyclovir OTC. If your doctor favors OTC, maybe you're not really seeing an HIV practitioner. ▼

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AIDS Community Research Consortium conducts HIV and AIDS clinical trials at sites located in San Mateo, Santa Clara and Santa Cruz counties. For a free listing of current trials available, call 800 864-ACRC.

AIDS Health Project: Individual psychotherapy services for people with HIV. No fee. Call for intake appt. 476-3902.

The Alternative Family Project: low-fee family counseling service available for lesbian, gay and bisexual families. Call 550-2621.

Bay Positives: Provides recreational and emotional support for people up to 26 years old living with HIV. Ongoing support groups meet weekly. 487-1616.

Bereavement Groups for family, friends and partners who have lost a loved one to AIDS, provided by Visiting Nurses and Hospice of SF. Info: 750-4404.

Center for AIDS Services: Bingo every Saturday benefits the Center's programs: 6:45pm, Markus Square Superbingo, Jefferson & 3rd St., Oakland. (510) 655-3435.

Clinical Research Unit at UCSF seeks participants in a study involving AZT. Subjects must be HIV +, 18 yrs.+, CD4 count between 300-500. Pays $80. Call 476-5914.

Coming out support group for men meets Tues., 6pm at Operation Concern, 1853 Market St. Men of all ages welcome, no fee. Facilitated by Kirk Hinman, PhD. Info: 626-7000.

Continuum HIV Day Services: an adult day health care facility for people with disabling HIV disease, located in the Tenderloin. Call 241-5500.

Deaf AIDS Center at UCSF Center on Deafness offers services to those with HIV experiencing hearing loss or deafness. Counseling, resources, practical support. Interpreting services and assisting devices on loan. 476-7600 (TTY) or 476-4980 (voice).

DNCB Support Group: Meets 2nd & 4th Mons. at 194 Church St., 7:15pm. Call 954-8896.

East Bay HIV/AIDS 12 Step Support Group: Ongoing. Open to all with HIV who have experience with any 12 step program. Mon. eves., 6:15pm. Info: Paul (510) 465-4311.

Ellipse-Peninsula AIDS Services: Support groups, emotional & practical buddy program, food program and case management for PWAs. 572-9702.

Gay Fathers Support Network of Santa Rosa meets first Sun. of every month, 7pm. Info: Mark (707) 523-6941.

Gay and Lesbian Seventh-Day Adventists: Spiritual, emotional and social support to present or former SDA's. Contact SDA Kinship International, PO Box 7320, Laguna Niguel, CA 92677. (714) 248-1299.

Gay Men's STD/VD Clinic: Testing & treatment by & for gay men, free, every Sun. 5-7 pm. HIV antibody anonymous testing for women & men 12 or older, every Sun., 5-7 pm. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair accessible. 644-0425 (non-voice TDD 548-8238 for disabled).

Healing Alternatives Foundation maintains public HIV/AIDS Treatment & Resource Library. Also Buyer's Club for health products. 1748 Market St. Info: 626-4053.

Healing Circle: Begun as an HIV support group, now a space of healing & growth for all men & women. Meets every Thurs. at The San Francisco Center for Living, 4054 18th St. 7-9 pm. 252-1666.

HIV/AIDS Services at Operation Concern: Ongoing support groups, individual and couples counseling, drop-in groups every week. Issues for HIV- men, men with AIDS/ARC, partners and survivors. For information/intake, call Jill, 626-7000 x199. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St.

Housing and Client Assistance Program for PWAs provides emergency housing and financial help to residents of San Mateo Co. Mental Health Assn. of San Mateo Co.: 368-9989.

Immune Enhancement Project treats persons with HIV-related illness using a program of traditional Chinese medicine and herbal supplements. Info: 252-8711.

Iris Center: Women's counseling and recovery services for women with HIV, no/low fee. 333 Valencia St. Info: 864-2364.

Lesbian/Bisexual Women's Rap Group: Open to women of all ages, drop in every Tues., 7pm, except first Tues. of each month. Spectrum, Center for Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Concerns, 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd., San Anselmo. Info: Lea, 457-1115, ext. 201.

Linea de Ambiente: Information, referral and emotional support for gay, lesbian and bi latinos regarding immigration, HIV, social services, a project of Gente Latina de Ambiente (GELAAM). 243-9534.

Lyon-Martin Women's Health Center: Primary health care for women by women, with emphasis on the health care needs of lesbians. Services include general medical care, gynecology, acupuncture, lesbian parenting, AIDS counseling & safe sex info (safe sex kits for women available). 1748 Market St near Valencia, SF. Suite 201. 565-7667.

The Mark Pope Career Counseling Center: a non-profit career counseling agency serving the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender communities of the Bay Area. 760 Market St., Suite 962. 296-8024.

MCC Chronic/Life-Threatening Support Group: Every Wed., 12:30-2:30pm, in the MCC chapel, 150 Eureka St. Free, drop-in. Call 863-4434.

Most Holy Redeemer AIDS Support Group offers ongoing support groups for the HIV community. Also for partners, friends and family. No fees. Call Jeff at 863-1581.

National Association of People With AIDS Fax is a fax-on-demand system which provides free and up-to-date information on HIV funding, grants, insurance, benefits, legal issues and more. 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Call NAPWA FAX: 202-789-2222.

National Association for Visually Handicapped helps people with partial eyesight by supplying visual aids, a free service for SF residents who are HIV+ and losing eyesight. Call for appt.: 221-3201.

Native American AIDS Project: Support, resources and advocacy for Native Americans/ Alaskan Natives and their families affected by HIV. 1540 Market St., Suite 425. Info/intake: 522-2460.

Neg.Menz: Support group for Asian and Pacific Islander HIV- men, free. Sundays in Jan., 3-5pm. GAPA Community HIV Project, 1841 Market St. Info: Rafael, 575-3939 x323.

1995 Treatment Outlook: presentation by John S. James, publisher, *AIDS Treatment News*. Tues., Jan. 17, 6:30pm. Free. Kaiser Permanente Med. Center, Rm. 1200C, 280 W. MacArthur Blvd., Oakland. (510) 596-6848.

Operation Concern: Coming out group for lesbians begins Jan. Fri. mornings, 10:30am. Info: 626-7000, x. 127.

People with disabilities who are lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender: Support group at Independent Living Resource Center, SF. Meets weekly, free. Info: Katie 863-0581.

Planetree Health Resource Center Up-to-date medical info to assist in making informed health choices. Extensive consumer health library, current medical lit clippings & health bookstore. Also support groups, health information service by mail. 2040 Webster St. 923-3680.

Pride & Prejudice: a welcoming group to queer youth meets every Tues., 6pm, at Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services, 1748 Market St., Suite 201. Call Nicole at 565-7681.

Project Open Hand provides free home-delivered hot meals and free groceries to anyone with symptomatic HIV in the Bay Area. Various ethnic and restricted diets available, plus free nutritional counseling. No waiting list. Call 1-800-551-MEAL.

Qi Gong for Health: $1 per class. Mon., Wed., 5:30pm. 50 Oak St., 3rd fl. 255-0265.

Qi Gong for People with HIV: $1 per class. Mon., Wed. 11am; Thurs. 6pm. American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine Community Clinic, 450 Connecticut St. Info: 282-9603.

Quan Yin Healing Arts Center Non-profit clinic provides affordable acupuncture & Chinese herbal therapies; treatment for people living with HIV, chronic hepatitis, PMS & other gynecological imbalances, Stop Smoking Clinic. Tues.-Fri., 1-6:30 pm, Sat. 9 am-3 pm. 861-4964.

Radical Women: Business mtg, 2nd & 4th Thurs. of the month. 7pm. Valencia Hall, 523-A Valencia St. 864-1278.

Richmond Area Multi-Services in SF: offers low fee counseling/ psychotherapy services to sexual minorities, people with HIV/AIDS. Supportive therapeutic group for family/ loved ones of PWAs. English, Cantonese, Mandarin, Korean, Russian, Japanese. Mangso, 668-5955.

Safer Sex Education 933 Harrison is available for Safer Sex Education workshops and community outreach programs at no charge to responsible community groups. Info: write to Community HIV Prevention Program, 933 Harrison, SF 94107.

SF Gay & Lesbian Immigration and Asylum Rights Task Force meets first Thurs. of every month, 7pm, 870 Market St., Rm. 1213. Offers support groups for gay immigrants and their lovers, friends. Shannon, 392-6257.

San Mateo County AIDS Program: provides care for individuals and families affected by HIV/AIDS. Volunteer Resources Coordinator: 573-2488. Information: 573-2588.

Shanti Project's Latino Program: specifically serves Latino men, women, adolescents and children infected with and affected by HIV. Provides help with emotional peer counseling and practical support. For more information, call 864-CARE.

Stanford Support Group for Gay Men: Wed., 8pm at the Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Community Center, Old Firehouse, Stanford Univ. Free. 725-4222.

Substance Abuse Counseling for Lesbians and Gay Men at Operation Concern, 1853 Market St. Operation Recovery provides affordable, effective treatment. Drop-in groups: for women, 7-8 pm Mondays; for men, 8-9 pm Thursdays. For information/ intake, call Jill, 626-7000 Ext. 199.

Sumt'n Ta Say: SF AIDS Foundation seeks contributions by 18-25 gay and bi guys with something to say about being young & queer in the age of AIDS. For a new youth HIV resource guide. Cash prizes. 985-5296.

The Transcendental Meditation Center has scholarships for low income people with HIV. Call Paul Brown at 931-1621.

Transgendered Support Group holds a potluck every third Saturday, 6:30pm at MCC San Jose, 65 S. Seventh St., San Jose. Call Rev. Chad Pifer, 279-2711.

Triangles: a Monday night drop-in support group for gay, lesbian, bisexual and questioning youth 21 and under, meets 7:30pm, Unitarian Universalist Church, rm. 13, 505 E. Charleston Rd., Palo Alto. 324-2674.

UCSF AIDS Health Project offers: (1) ongoing groups for persons diagnosed with KS; (2) Tues. night support group for women who are caregivers or family members of PWAs; (3) support group for HIV+ African-American heterosexual men. Info: 476-3902.

Umoja Strategy Group: a coalition of black lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and heterosexual people, committed to countering divisive forces. Monthly strategy sessions: call (510) 286-7992 or write to USG c/o POB 4718, Berkeley, CA 94704-0718.

Veterans Affairs Medical Center SF seeks volunteers to join its AIDS/ARC Volunteer Program. Volunteers visit patients in hospital and help in simple care tasks. Volunteers for AIDS Home Care and Phone Buddy Program are also needed. Contact Ronald Hunt, AIDS Volunteer Program Coordinator, VA Medical Center, 4150 Clement St., SF 94121, 750-2144.

We Care Bay Area provides emergency financial support to individuals affected by AIDS and other serious illnesses. Requests must be made thru a Bay Area outreach or social service agency. Info: 282-1911.

Women's Action Coalition is an open alliance of women committed to direct action on issues affecting the rights of all women. WAC meets 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 pm (women only), 1360 Mission St., Suite 200. WAC Hotline: 255-6352.

Women's Cancer Resource Center: Support, resource & advocacy group for Bay Area women with cancer, their friends, families & doctors. Provides individual peer counseling & drop-in support groups, newsletter, educational programs, legal workshop & more. (510) 548-9272 or 548-WCRC. 3023 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley.

Youth Empowerment Services Center provides an array of educational services, workshops, trainings to young people affected by HIV/AIDS. Info: call 487-5777.

Send Health and Community Listings to: Calendar Editor, Bay Area Reporter, *395 Ninth Street, San Francisco, CA 94103.*

THIS WEEK IN GAY HISTORY

The Funding of Gay House

by Mary Ann Swissler

The U.S. Public Health Service began to accept the special needs of homosexual youths this week in 1974.

Two Minneapolis, Minnesota counselors at the clergy-sponsored facility called the Gay House recieved a $5,000 grant to provide youth. Former seminarian John Preston and teen deliquent counselor Jenny Fortier, both lay therapists, were the first ever to recieve such a grant. The pioneering therapy was plucked from a pile of 2,000 grant applications, according to a December 1973 article in *The Advocate*.

Once they started on their six-month project, Preston and Fortier took the new counseling services outside the gay community, training professional counselors at straight youth agencies to the needs of gay and lesbian youth.

It was mere seed money, Preston realized, but an important step towards getting the psychological community involved in healing the wounds left by a lifetime of homophobia. At the time, Preston, who was 26, told a gay newspaper, "The only way this needed service can survive is if the gay community is willing to commit itself with more money." Preston was struck down by AIDS-related illness last year, according to a counselor from Gay Community Services who remembered that when it all began, the project was a departure from peer counseling groups.

He said that much of the community was splintering into female and male factions, and some homosexuals still saw any therapy as supporting the "sickness theory." Yet important issues received greater recognition at Gay House and beyond: substance abuse, isolation, depression, and low self esteem.

Fortier, 23 at the time, worked with teen deliquents in Minneapolis. She was a psychology major at Sonoma State College. "This Week" was unable to track down Fortier. ▼

■ Research partly compiled from interviews and records at the San Francisco Gay & Lesbian Historical Archives.

Send comments and suggestions for "This Week in Gay and Lesbian History" to The Bay Area Reporter, attn Mary Ann Swissler, 395 Ninth St., San Francisco, CA 94103.

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LEGAL NOTICES

FICTITICIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 191699
The following person(s) are doing business as FANTASY CHEFS, 605 28th Street, San Francisco, CA 94121: CYNTHIA Y. HILL JUSTICE, 34 Marina Lakes Drive, Richmond, CA 94804, GUY E. GROUCH, 605 28th Street, San Francisco, CA 94121, PAULA K. GUILLORY, 1711 Leavenworth Street Apt. J, San Francisco, CA 94121. Registrant(s) commenced business under the above fictitious business name on the date of December 1, 1994. This business is conducted by co-patners. Signed CYNTHIA Y. HILL JUSTICE. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of the City and County of San Francisco, CA on December 8, 1994.
December 22, 29, 1994, January 5, 12, 1995

FICTITICIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 191818
The following person(s) are doing business as CALIFORNIA ALL FRIEGHT TRANSPORTATION RECOVERY SPECIALIST, 236 West Portal Avenue #142, San Francisco, CA 94127-142: CHARLES CASTON FLETCHER, 236 West Portal Avenue #142, San Francisco, CA 94127-142. Registrant(s) commenced business under the above fictitious business name on the date of December 15, 1994. This business is conducted by an individual. Signed CHARLES C. FLETCHER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of the City and County of San Francisco, CA on December 15, 1994.
December 22, 29, 1994, January 5, 12, 1995

FICTITICIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 191825
The following person(s) are doing business as GET OUT OF HERE TRAVEL, 262 Waller Street, San Francisco, CA 94102: MONA ROMERO SCOTT, 262 Waller Street, San Francisco, CA 94102. Registrant(s) commenced business under the above fictitious business name on the date of N/A. This business is conducted by an individual. Signed MONA ROMERO SCOTT. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of the City and County of San Francisco, CA on December 15, 1994.
December 22, 29, 1994, January 5, 12, 1995

FICTITICIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 192037
The following person(s) are doing business as DADDY'S, DADDY'S D, DADDY'S BOYS, DADDY'S BACK ROOM, DADDY'S DEN, 440 Castro Street, San Francisco, CA 94114: DADDY'S D, INC - CALIFRONA, 3731 16th Street #2, San Francisco, CA 94114. Registrant(s) commenced business under the above fictitious business name on the date of N/A. This business is conducted by co-patners. Signed PHILIP TURNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of the City and County of San Francisco, CA on December 29, 1994.
January 12, 19, 26, 1995, February 2, 1994

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME FILE NO. 965721
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO, in the matter of the application of CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL BENSKIN, for change of name. The application of CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL BENSKIN, for change of name, having been filed in Court, and it appearing from said application that CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL BENSKIN has filed an application proposing that HIS name be changed to CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL WARREN. Now, therefore, it is hereby ordered and directed, that all persons interested in said matter do appear before this Court in Department X-4 on the 24th day of January 1995, at 9:00am of said day to show cause why the application for change of name should not be granted.It is further ordered that a copy of this Order be published in the BAY AREA REPORTER, a newspaper of general circulation, printed in said county, at least once a week for four consecutive weeks prior to the day of said hearing. Dated this 12th day of December, 1994.
December 22, 29, 1994, January 5, 12, 1995

FICTITICIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 192025
The following person(s) are doing business as S.F VENDING SERVICE, 125 London Street, San Francisco, CA 94112: RICHARD E. SOLLENBERGER JR., 125 London Street, San Francisco, CA 94112. Registrant(s) commenced business under the above fictitious business name on the date of December 28, 1994. This business is conducted by co-patners. Signed RICHARD E. SOLLENBERGER JR. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of the City and County of San Francisco, CA on December 28, 1994.
January 12, 19, 26, 1995, February 2, 1994

FICTITICIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 191920
The following persons are doing business as PRIMA BELLA, 1487 Pine Street, San Francisco, CA 94109: CHRISTINE HUEY, 1208 Versaelles Ave., Alameda, CA 94501. Registrants commenced business under the above fictitious business name on the date of December 21, 1994. This business is conducted by an individual. Signed CHRISTINE W. HUEY. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of the City and County of San Francisco, CA on December 21, 1994.
December 29 1994, January 5, 12, 19, 1995.

FICTITICIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 192278
The following person(s) are doing business as CHAVES AND ASSOCIATES, 4136 California Street, San Francisco, CA 94118: ARLENE CHAVES, 4136 California Street, San Francisco, CA 94118. Registrant(s) commenced business under the above fictitious business name on the date of January 05, 1995. This business is conducted by co-patners. Signed ARLEN CHAVES. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of the City and County of San Francisco, CA on January 06, 1995.
January 12, 19, 26, 1995, February 2, 1995

FICTITICIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 191975
The following person(s) are doing business as SHINNING STAR DYEWORKS, 318 Scott Street, San Francisco, CA 94117: DEBORAH KELLER, 318 Scott Street, San Francisco, CA 94117. Registrant(s) commenced business under the above fictitious business name on the date of N/A. This business is conducted by co-patners. Signed DEBORAH KELLER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of the City and County of San Francisco, CA on December 23, 1994.
January 12, 19, 26, 1995 February 2, 1995

FICTITICIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 192123
The following person(s) are doing business as BROKEN GLASS PRODUCTIONS, 2136 15th Street, San Ffrancisco, CA 94114: BRADLEY A. STRAW, 2136 15th Street, San Francisco, CA 94114. Registrant(s) commenced business under the above fictitious business name on the date of January 1, 1994. This business is conducted by co-patners. Signed BRADLEY A. STRAW. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of the City and County of San Francisco, CA on January 03, 1995.
January 12, 19, 26, 1995, February 2, 1995

FICTITICIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 191645
The following person(s) are doing business as 1) AAH VENTURE!, 2) AVENTURA, 71 Seward Street, San Ffrancisco, CA 94114: LUZMILA L. CACENES, 71 Seward Street, San Ffrancisco, CA 94114. Registrant(s) commenced business under the above fictitious business name on the date of October 1, 1994. This business is conducted by an individual. Signed LUZMILA L. CACENES. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of the City and County of San Francisco, CA on December 7, 1994.
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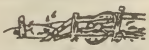
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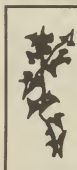
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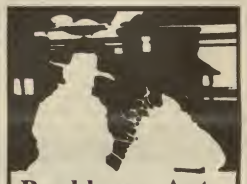


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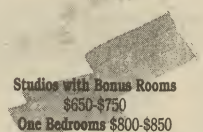
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Donna Summer Says She's Learned From Her Mistakes

Born Again?

by Wayne Hoffman

It seems like every few years '70s disco queen Donna Summer makes another "comeback."

This winter, after a five-year hiatus from the pop charts, Summer has returned yet again, teaming up with mega-producers Robert Clivilles and David Cole of C+C Music Factory on her newest single, "Melody Of Love." Already topping UK dance charts, "Melody of Love" will anchor a new album set for a summer release.

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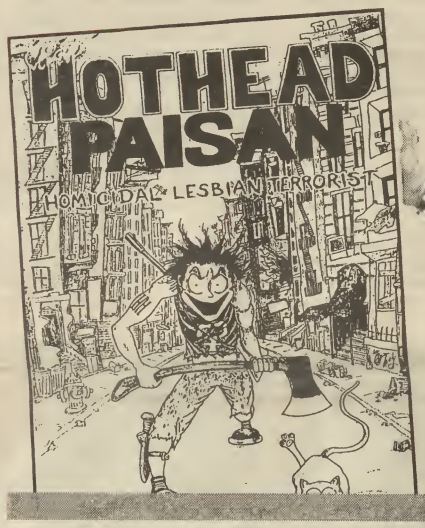
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KQED's Living Room Fest Opens With All-Gay Program

by Alan Frutkin

KQED's Living Room Festival, a 13-week series of independent films and videos, kicks off its third season tomorrow (Friday, Jan. 13, 11 p.m.) with a 90-minute joint presentation by Frameline and GLAAD/SF called *American Queeries*. The program looks at the continuing effects of homophobia on the queer community. Here's the lowdown on what you'll see.

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Terrence McNally's 'Love! Valour! Compassion!'

That Lovin' Feeling

by Jerry Metzker

Life has been treating playwright Terrence McNally very well lately. His "controversial" play *Lips Together, Teeth Apart* is being performed all over the country. The musical *Kiss of the Spider Woman,* for which he wrote the book, has been playing over a year on Broadway, and his most recent play, perhaps even his masterpiece, *Love! Valour! Compassion!,* has just finished an extended run at the Manhattan Theatre Club and reopens on Broadway beginning January 20.

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Randy Becker, Nathan Lane and John Glover in *Love! Valour and Compassion!*

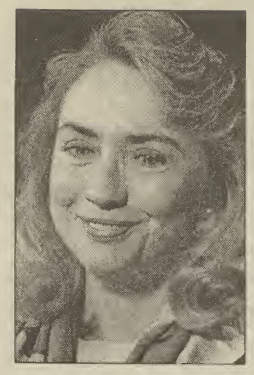
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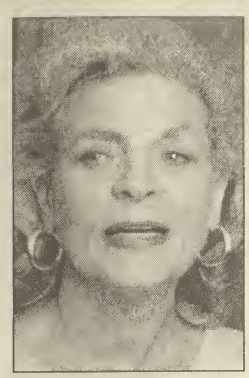
Margarethe Cammermeyer



Anonymous male star



femmey-but-frigid superstar



Celebrity psychiatrist

by Aiva Nidnacs

Especially observant readers of this column (yes, that's you, leaning by the rest room entrance) will notice that **Polly Popular**'s byline has disappeared. The truth is, Polly and I had a big fight over the holidays. She didn't like not being mentioned on the "50 Most Powerful Queers" list we ran two weeks ago. I pointed out that neither was bashful *bon vivant* **David Bonetti**, the *Examiner's* witty art critic, and he hadn't complained (well, not to Aiva directly). Anyway, from now on Polly and Aiva will be going solo, with alternating Out There columns.



Upset at this untimely divorce, I called my best friends **Aime Hob** and **Aina Vlysnart**. We met at Hayes & Vine, a tony new wine bar on Hayes Street. It's become my favorite spot for girl talk of any gender because (a) it has the kind of chic decor that **Lypsinka** would feel at home in and (b) it's run by pre-Raphaelite pin-up **Pamela Busch** and her dashing partner **Deborah Chalsty**, who make everyone feel at home.

Over a nice bottle of Chianti, Aime and Aina tried to cheer me up by trading tidbits. Aina wanted to talk about **RuPaul's** upcoming autobiography, *Lettin' It All Hang Out* ("What next? **Macaulay Culkin**'s memoirs?"), while Aime was more excited about spunky **Lora Zane**'s role in the new film, *Live Nude Girls*. Evidently Zane enlivened a recent Hollywood press junket by announcing that the two women she most wanted to sleep with were **Susan Dey** and **Hillary Clinton**. Aime then wondered out loud if every woman in America wanted to sleep with these two dreamboats. Aina said, no; she got more excited imagining a three-way with **Shirley Jones** and **Nancy Pelosi**.

I explained to Aime and Aina that Out There's readers want a classier kind of media gossip, so Aina raved about *New York Times* journalist **Stuart Elliott**. In his feature on the best and worst ads of 1994, Elliott trashed those hideous Haggar ads about men's slacks and what's inside them, because all the models wear wedding rings, "apparently in case anyone wonders whether the kind of men who care about their appearance may be, well, you know."

Impressed by her commitment to high culture, I asked Aina whether she'd thought of going to night school. I recommended **Daniel Mangin**'s Gay & Lesbian Film Class, taught by the energetic academic and part-time porn *gourmand* who seems to get around a lot these days. His new class starts on January 18 and features the lovably soppy gay romance *World and Time Enough* as well as other treats like *Six Degrees of Separation* and the Hong Kong shoot-'em-up *Full Contact*. (For more info., call 239-3876.)

Encouraged by all this queer film babble, Aime started blabbing about *Serving in Silence*, the upcoming NBC TV movie about **Colonel Margarethe Cammermeyer**. The Family Defense Council (nice military connotation to that title) has apparently objected to the scene in which **Glenn Close** kisses her onscreen girlfriend. "The great majority of people in this country don't want to see this kind of stuff on TV," said FDC chairman **Howard Hurwitz** in *The Hollywood Reporter*. You're right, Howard; we'd much rather have **Sylvester Stallone** play Cammermeyer, but he wasn't available.

Aime and Aina then retreated to the bar to sample some sparkling wines while I flipped through January's *Movieline*, which contains one of the sleaziest who's-queer-in-Hollywood stories I've ever not wanted to read. Titled "The Earthquake Tapes," it's a (presumably fictional) conversation between an **anonymous male star** and a **celebrity psychiatrist**. The star is about to marry a **femmy-but-frigid supermodel** in order to protect his career:

My coming out of the closet wouldn't change a goddamn thing," says the handsome star, "except it'd end my career before it begins. Sure, I'd be a hero to the gay community for a couple of weeks, maybe do a long interview with *The Advocate* ... . Then I'm looking for unemployment. Nobody but gay activists wants anybody to come out for chrissake.

I know a couple of famous actors who have boyfriends living with them and their wives ... . People think nobody who's gay would get married, which is precisely why the smartest, most successful gay actors I know are all married. I have a theory about Hollywood marriages in general, which is that any marriage that's lasted over seven years stands a good chance of being a gay marriage. This town can break up any marriage based merely on mutual attraction. These gay marriages are based on need and practical tolerance – those are the ties that bind."

The "star" goes on like this for about four pages. "There are so many gay people in Hollywood, even I get sick of them ... . I was at a photo shoot last week. It wasn't me being photographed, it was a famous actress, sex goddess type. Every single person in the room was gay: the photographer's two assistants, the stylist, the stylist's assistant, the hair guy, the makeup guy, the body makeup – she was a woman, but she was gay too – the actress's publicist, the actress's assistant, the magazine art director, even the fucking limo driver ... . Here's this actress doing her thing to make guys who pick up her picture get instant erections, and the whole setup is coming out of the heads of gay men. I realized that all these gay men were carrying on this intricately designed vicarious seduction of straight men, using this actress as bait."

Aime, Aina and I didn't know what to be more depressed about – *Movieline*'s tired queer conspiracy theory or the fact that we will now have to look at happily-married **Tom Cruise** in an entirely new light. To cheer ourselves up, we played *Mad Libs* ®. Surely you remember *Mad Libs* – that sweet '60s parlor game where you insert wacky words into stories like "How To Behave on a First Date." Since we figured you may be as dispirited by *Movieline*'s white-knuckle homophobia as we were, we offer our own homemade *Mad Lib* at *Movieline's* expense. So get out your Sharpies, and turn to the person next to you ... .

I have no problem with my own (noun). I'm not like those (adjective) gay guys who get bent out of shape and (verb) themselves in creepy subcultures and all that (noun). I like sex ... . I don't blame the industry for their (adjective) blacklisting of openly (adjective) actors. I understand why they (verb) the way they do – it's business – they have to worry about the audience. If people knew that the guy up there on the big screen (verb)ing the (adjective) girl was gay, they'd have all kinds of (plural noun) in their heads. It would ruin the (expletive)."

Next week: We play *Mad Libs* with a David Bonetti essay. ▼

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Berkeley Rep's 'Last of the Suns'

Twilight of the General

by Chad Jones

A curious blend of TV sitcom, Chinese myth and wrenching family drama, Alice Tuan's *Last of the Suns,* which is receiving its world premiere at the Berkeley Repertory Theatre, is a play large in scope, expressively colorful in style and ultimately unsuccessful in uniting its disparate elements into a cohesive whole.

In its exploration of Asian American family dynamics, *The Last of the Suns* finds its most poignant voice. Patriarch General Sun (Sab Shimono) is celebrating his 100th birthday. His distinguished military career in China is long behind him, leaving him to face his centenary within the walls of his son's tract home in the Southern California suburb of Canoga Park. The General's son, Ho Ping (Alberto Isaac), is an engineer who has created his own American dynasty: a son, 17-year-old Sonny (Sean San José Blackman), whose goal in life is to bench press his way into adulthood; an estranged daughter, 24-year-old Twila (Jacqueline Kim), a once-promising figure skater who couldn't handle the pressure her parents forced upon her; and a wife, Ni Lee (Jeanne Sakata), whose life crashed when her daughter deserted her. When Tuan's script focuses on the family dynamics – a mother's refusal to embrace her newly returned daughter, an arranged marriage on the verge of collapse, cultural differences between Chinese-born parents and American-born children – the play finds its wings.

Unfortunately, when the play attempts to break the bounds of the ordinary, it lacks the grace and the clarity to do so successfully. The attempted flights of fancy surround the General himself. As the elderly man comes to terms with his own mortality, characters from his life – his first wife, his preferred concubine, his war victims – pay him a visit. The General is even visited by figures from Chinese mythology, the Monkey King (Michael Ordoña) and Eight Pig (Kelvin Han Yee) and Buddha himself. Ambitious and conceptually confusing, Tuan's attempts at lyricism fall flat, and the General's plight never achieves its full dramatic potential.

Under the direction of Phyllis S. K. Look, the play's seven actors deliver excellent performances. Kim, in the dual role of prodigal daughter Twila and preferred concubine May Lee, is the dramatic heart of the cast, infusing an aching pathos into her confrontation with her mother and conjuring a captivating seduction of the general with her gorgeous singing voice. Blackman's turn as the pumped-up, steroid-addled Sonny gets big laughs with his Valley Boy shtick, but lets loose with fiery rage where Tuan's script demands it.

Though Tuan loses her focus in this broad, multi-generational portrait, her play does find the pain, humor and cruelty of the drama commonly referred to as the family. This lack of focus diffuses the power of the play however valiantly the cast and director struggle to make it work. By play's end the lingering impression is not one of emotional truth but rather one of slight disappointment: an interesting, well-intentioned play ends up an imaginative, beautifully produced bit of dramatic self-indulgence. ▼

■ ***The Last of the Suns*** **continues at the Berkeley Repertory Theatre through January 27. Call (510) 845-4700 for information.**



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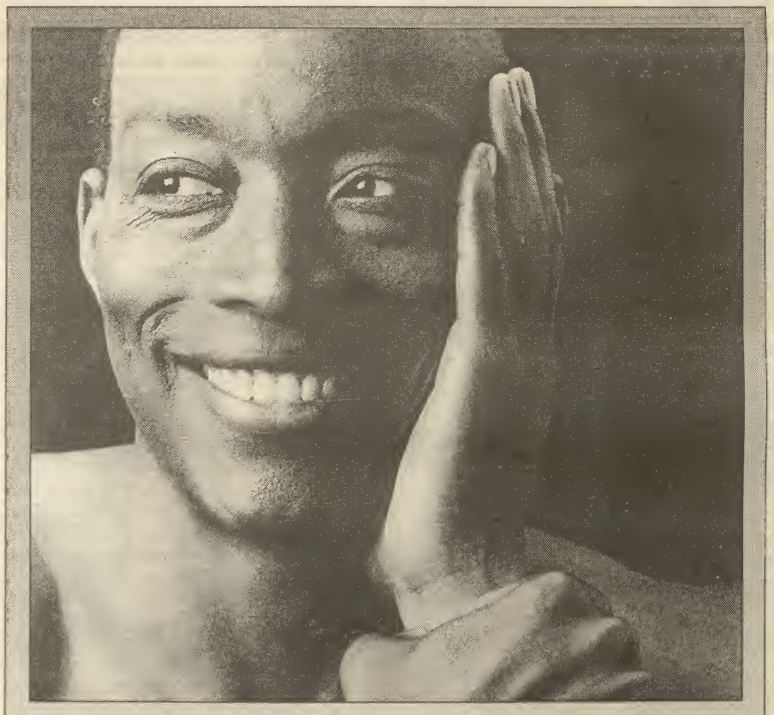
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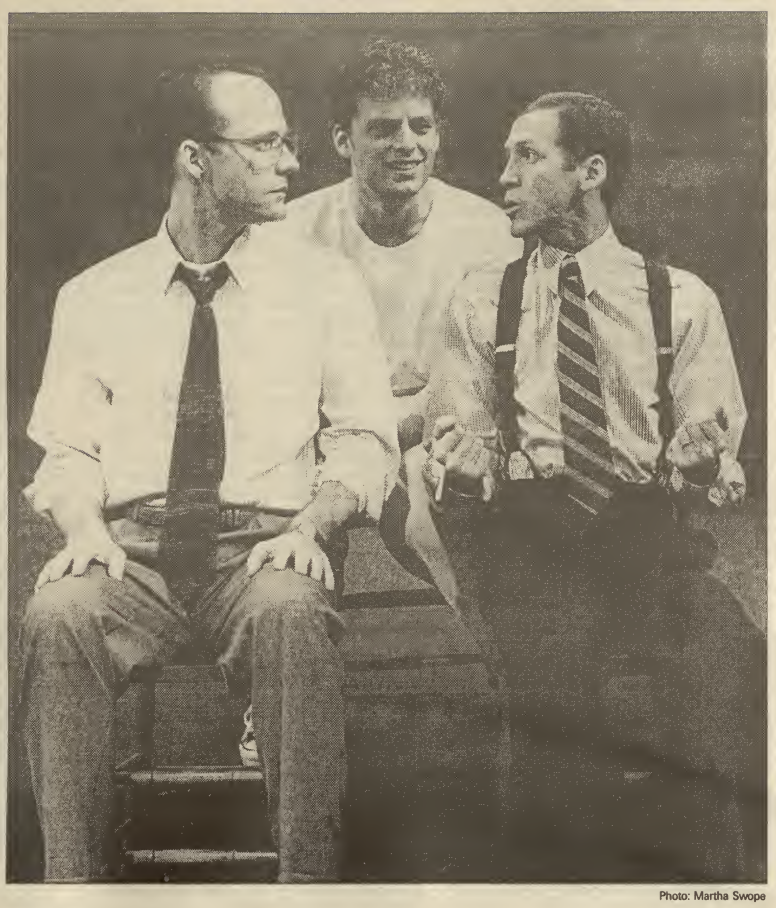


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Love! Valour! Compassion!

McNally

Continued from cover

Over New Year's I visited New York and had a chance to see McNally's play and I can report that it is worthy of all the praise.

Directed by Joe Mantello, *Love! Valour! Compassion!* is one of the most moving family comedies to come along in a long time. Over the course of three summer holiday weekends (Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Labor Day), seven Manhattanites journey to upstate New York to dancer/choreographer Gregory Mitchell's (Stephen Bogardus) country house.

Over the course of the play, McNally makes a solid statement that families aren't born but made, and that includes Gregory's, which is composed of his younger blind lover Bobby (Justin Kirk); Perry and Arthur, a fortysomething couple (Stephen Spinella and John Benjamin Hickey); twins John and James Jeckyll (both played by John Glover); young and horny Ramon (Randy Becker); and the irrepressible Buzz Hauser (longtime McNally collaborator Nathan Lane).

The play has everything a gay play should have – believable gay characters, witty repartee, love, devotion, and some perfectly tasteful nudity. And though there's little plot to speak of, McNally writes movingly on themes that have made him a writer of note.

Testing the ties that bind

The primary theme is about unconditional love, in this case a family of friends who support and take care of each other. But is unconditional love possible? McNally explores this question by showing how his characters test the boundaries of love, whether it's Arthur flirting with sexy Ramon, PWAs Buzz and James wondering who will look after their emotional and physical needs, or John pondering the possibility that it's his own abrasive personality and bitterness about life that drive potential lovers and friends away.

In these character explorations McNally shines as a writer. He's populated his play with people who are complicated, real, and interesting. Each situation reveals the characters' personalities and expands the human qualities of each. In the wrong hands, this sort of emotional exploration can be awfully dull, but McNally has a gift for comic flair that keeps his audience listening and laughing.

Of course it helps when you've got an exceptional cast, like the one I saw. If any questions exist about actor Joe Mantello's skill as a director, his work in this play will put them to rest. Frankly, Mantello's work is some of the best you'll find on any stage in America today. He crafts each scene not merely for itself but as it relates to the larger picture, creating one stunning moment after another. He has also inspired his actors to give glowing performances.

Nathan Lane is hysterical in a part tailor-made for his wit and exuberance. John Glover is perfectly detestable and pathetic as John Jeckyll and completely endearing as the charming twin James. Stephen Bogardus, known primarily for his sexy young Whizzer in *Falsettos*, is the paternal Gregory, who looks as hot as young studs Justin Kirk (Bobby) and Randy Becker (Ramon) when he appears in the buff. Even John Benjamin Hickey and Stephen Spinella (the original Prior Walter in *Angels In America)* are perfectly believable as the longtime couple who have become, perhaps, a little too comfortable in their relationship. (For the Broadway production, Spinella will be replaced by Anthony Heald.)

Loy Arcenas' ingenious set is a lyrical wedge shape covered with Astroturf. It serves every purpose of the play: interior, exterior and, in the back, the lake itself. Brian MacDevitt's lighting is equally good, whether he's creating a hot sunny day or the atmosphere of a thunderstorm. Jess Goldstein's costumes are transparently perfect.

McNally and gay theater have come a long way with this production. There are no apologies and no explanations, just a family of loving human beings surviving in a tough world as best as they can. That's what *Love! Valour! Compassion!* is all about. ▼

Marga Gomez 'Doing the Same Old Shit (Again)!'

Vintage Gomez...and More

by Paul Bollwinkel

Those teeth. Those eyes. That face. That body. Marga Gomez has the kind of striking physical presence that comic actresses, from Lucille Ball to Carol Burnett to Tracy Ullman, have used to climb to the top of the show-biz mountain.

Gomez's quick wit and freestyle stand-up comedy serve her well, but it's her acting talent, along with a willingness to mug it up and use silly body language, that sets her apart from other comedians.

In recent years, Gomez has concentrated on play-length autobiographical solo pieces, but last week she returned to Josie's with a revival medley she called, "Doing the Same Old Shit (Again)!" Basically a stand-up routine, the show mixed new material with bits of Marga from year's past. Tossed in with the one-liners was a good deal of physical ad-libbing. For instance, when the black tights she wore under her red kilt began to slip, she turned it into an impromptu visual gag by twisting her rubbery legs every which way while shooting cross-eyed glances into the balcony.

Showing off her acting skills, she recreated her "Diamond Lady." Perfectly poised on a stool, she becomes a well-meaning society matron who flashes expensive jewelry in the faces of the homeless people she sees through the window of her Mercedes.

Among the other things she pulled from her hefty bag of gags was a dead-on impersonation of Lynn Redgrave's commercials for Weight Watchers, a take on lesbian porn, and her classic "I Feel Pretty" send-up. In between, she took jabs at Jodie Foster's star turn in *Nell,* told a story about her recent two-line cameo in the upcoming *Batman* sequel, and developed a running gag about being included in the *B.A.R.'s* "50 powerful queers" list. All of it was enthusiastically received by the capacity crowd.

Made for TV

Gomez, it seems, has been on the verge of national stardom ever since she started doing comedy in 1982. Perhaps it's her status as an openly lesbian performer (which plays only a minor part in her act) which has kept her from bursting full guns into the Big Time spotlight. Ironically, other lesbian (or at least lesbian-friendly) comedians on the comedy circuit have gotten career breaks that just seem to elude Gomez.

Look at Lea DeLaria. Her career is going gangbusters. And then there's Margaret Cho. Her stand-up routines can be side-splitting, but she's stiff and unfunny on her TV sitcom *All American Girl.* Ellen Degeneres has all the right moves, but frequently comes off sounding generic – like a female Seinfeld, but with less intelligent material. Roseanne has found a perfect vehicle for her gifts, but she's not a physical comedian and she doesn't do characters. Ditto Brett Butler.

Gap-toothed, dimpled, zany, fearless and hypnotically attractive, Gomez is the real thing. She's perfect for TV, totally telegenic. Even when her material isn't particularly funny, or when she's fumbling for a footing between gags, her charisma carries her through. It's impossible not to like her.

Nevertheless, hopeful signs abound. Gomez is working on a screenplay for American Playhouse based on her show *Memory Tricks,* and she's been seen frequently on VH-1, HBO, and Comedy Central. That proverbial Big Break may be just around the corner. We can only hope that when it does happen, it will be on Marga's own terms. ▼



Marga Gomez



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Alan Rudolph's Noir Los Angeles

Revenge and Remembrance

by Robert Julian

Geraldine Chaplin, the little star who wasn't, assays a rare leading role as Emily, the protagonist of Alan Rudolph's 1978 film, *Remember My Name,* currently in revival at the Castro.

After 12 years in prison for murder, Emily sets out to even the score with her former husband Neil (Anthony Perkins) and his new wife Barbara (Berry Berenson). And for once, it's Chaplin - not Perkins - who plays the loony tune; Emily is the kind of stalker who rips up flower beds, stabs strangers with pencils, and drop kicks her co-worker at the five and dime.

A moody Los Angeles film essay, *Remember My Name* was produced by Robert Altman. It relies heavily on the aesthetic Altman employed in *The Long Goodbye* (1974), on which Rudolph served as assistant director. But in retrospect, film noir from the '70s now seems almost gentle. Emily gets out of prison, finds a job right away, rents a small apartment, and manages to make some tenuous social connections even though she's not firing on all pistons. No one gets blown away, there are no guns, and Emily's emotional hysteria seems curiously muted, if not downright obtuse.

Rudolph's casting is both prescient and bizarre. Alfre Woodard and Jeff Goldblum render promising performances in small roles, but Anthony Perkins, cast as a construction worker, must have strained credibility even when the film was first released. Chaplin does a credible job portraying the distraught Emily: you end up questioning whether she was really crazy, or simply crazy like a fox. The most certifiable hallmark of Emily's dementia is her choice of red stiletto heels – with ankle straps - which she wears throughout, even at the construction sites in pursuit of Anthony Perkins.



Geraldine Chaplin

One of those "little films" from the '70s avant garde, *Remember My Name* now takes on the unforeseen patina of a naive and charming paean to a lost era. In Rudolph's Los Angeles, stalking is so rare there is no law against it, and people routinely form friendships without regard to race. This is the LA where many of us once smoked Winston's, shopped at Joseph Magnin, listened to Alberta Hunter records, and rode motorcycles without helmets, just like Emily. Nothing was terminal, except boredom, and relationships came and went. With an unanticipated jolt, Rudolph's melancholy film now recalls a time not so long ago, when the unknown wasn't feared and the morning after held few consequences. ▼

■ ***Remember My Name*** **plays the Castro Theatre Jan. 13-19**

'Higher Learning' Explores Race Relations

Getting Along Isn't Easy

by Daniel Mangin

Can't we all just get along?" was an unspoken national query long before Rodney King uttered it four years ago. The answer then was, as it has always been, "Just barely."

John Singleton's *Higher Learning* opens – after some wicked Elaine and Saul Bass titles – with a shot of an American flag. It is freshman orientation time at the problematically named Columbus University, and among the initiates are Malik (Omar Epps), a black track athlete; Kristen (Kristy Swanson), a naive white Orange County resident; and Remy (Michael Rapaport), a troubled white misfit. The students are all negotiating late-adolescence and their entrance into what Poly Sci 101 professor Maurice Phipps (Laurence Fishburne) constantly reminds them is "the real world."

The question is, what about the world is "real"? Is it that "the niggers are taking over our country," as believes Remy, who becomes a skinhead after life on a diverse campus leaves him feeling threatened? Is it that a black man can pull himself up by the bootstraps à la Clarence Thomas? Or that the cards are inevitably stacked against African Americans, as "perma student" Fudge (Ice Cube) proves – and has proven to him – time and again?



Kristy Swanson

Mainstream discussion

Higher Learning doesn't come up with any ideas that haven't been explored in African-American and other intellectual circles over the past few decades – or more recently in rap music – but it is interesting to see how Singleton incorporates them into a very mainstream drama. His film is "of the '90s" – at once honoring separatism yet conceding its limitations, acknowledging individual acts of white-black rapprochement while illustrating the crushing weight of historic racial enmity.

With these contradictions the cornerstone of his reality, it's no wonder Malik remains constantly disoriented. The only thing that's clear after his many travails is that there are no easy answers when it comes to race, though Singleton proposes a strategy for change over the closing image of the American flag: "unlearn."

Slow unlearners

A recent *Higher Learning* promotional screening revealed how difficult "unlearning" antipathy to sexual difference can be.

Early in the film, Kristen is date-raped and becomes a member of a Students for a Non-Sexist Society. Singleton exploits the comic possibilities of similar situations elsewhere to lighten his narrative, but treats Kristen's interest here with consistent respect, even when she asks Taryn (Jennifer Connelly) to spend the night with her.

"Gag me" and "Jeeeeessuss Christ!" came the audience catcalls at the mere proposal of lesbianism.

Kristen is just "dabbling." Singleton convincingly makes her incertitude a logical progression for this particular young, hurt, overwhelmed character; there's no suggestion that bad treatment by a man has created a lesbian. Further, Taryn is quite aware of Kristen's emotional state; again to his credit, Singleton doesn't deliver a desperate homosexual pining over the unattainable.

Singleton represents Kristen's dilemma visually via a lovemaking scene in which her partners are intermittently Taryn and Wayne (Jason Wiles), Malik's roommate. Moments before, Malik made love to Deja (Tyra Banks) to silence from the audience, but the hooting started again when Taryn's face appeared in a tight two-shot with Kristen. Then sighs of relief when a cutaway from a close-up of only Kristen revealed Wayne making love to her – after which the cycle repeated, with the same set of reactions.

It's hard to believe Singleton is "stretching" his audience with this scene and one handled less subtly about two guys who get beat up by skinheads for holding hands, but if this was the response in allegedly tolerant San Francisco, imagine what will happen outside our fair city. For all the cultural and other attempts to help the local citizenry "unlearn" homophobia, many remain untouched by the information and continue to resist change – precisely the larger point Singleton makes about race in *Higher Learning.* ▼

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Roman Polanski's 'Death and the Maiden'

Dark Victory

by Chris Culwell

If Roman Polanski's last film, *Bitter Moon,* struck you as less than interesting, if not downright embarrassing, then you're likely to be surprised by his latest effort, *Death and the Maiden,* which finds the director once again in top form.

Not only is this film better than anything Polanski has done in recent years, but longtime fans will notice that it's markedly different in tone from anything he's done before. Whereas films like *Chinatown, Rosemary's Baby, Cul-de-Sac, Repulsion* and even *Bitter Moon* impressed upon us the frailty of human character in a universe of implacable evil, *Death and the Maiden* carries a decidedly moral theme, prompting some to wonder if the cinema's Prince of Darkness isn't turning over a new leaf.

Hardly. *Maiden* is as dark as anything by Polanski, its sunnier aspects belonging solely to Ariel Dorfman's internationally acclaimed stage play of the same name, from which this film was derived. And though Polanski has remained unusually faithful to Dorfman's play, right down to its theme of redemption, it nonetheless provides our movie Magus with plenty of opportunities to exercise his black arts.

In *Death and the Maiden,* Polly (Sigourney Weaver) is the frustrated wife of Gerardo (Stuart Wilson), an ambitious civil rights attorney who has been selected by the president of the unidentified Latin American country in which they live to prosecute human rights violations that took place during anti-government protests in the late '70s.

Polly remembers those violations vividly, as many of them were performed on her body when she was abducted by government stooges. Dorfman's script (co-written by Rafael Yglesias) gives us ample time to mull over the details of Polly's torture, and Polanski's camera doesn't miss a single gruesome wince on Weaver's face as she recounts in monologue the horrors wrought upon her body.

The worst of these abuses, Polly recalls, were performed by a mild-mannered doctor whom, because she was blindfolded, she can recall only by smell, his familiarity with deceptively comely aphorisms of Nietzsche, and a penchant for committing the act of rape while listening to Schubert's sublime String Quartet in D Minor, more commonly known in musical circles as *Death and the Maiden.*

It is the good doctor's unspeakable evil lurking just beneath a sophisticated veneer that has provided Polly with the worst memories of her abduction: a potential savior who turned out to be a monster. For more than a decade she has tried to wipe him from her memory but can't. Now she thirsts for a just revenge, unqualified by compromise and soothing cant.

Oh what a night

Polly's and Gerardo's lives are forever changed one rainy night when a man (Ben Kingsley) Polly insists is the Schubert-loving rapist shows up on their doorstep with a spare tire for Gerardo's car, which has been marooned in the mud down the road.

Mother always said beware of strangers bearing gifts, but Polly invests that old chestnut with new meaning as she proceeds to take Dr. Miranda hostage and wrangle a confession from him at gunpoint. (She plans to kill him anyway but wants to watch him squirm first.) Hubby stands helplessly at the sidelines of this fray attempting to broker a deal before a cadre of the president's guards, who've been dispatched to protect him from threats of assassination, arrive in time to witness a murder to which he would be an accomplice.

Careerism meets divine retribution.

If that seems an odd congruity, Polanski knows it as he revels in the delicious irony of a fussbudget social climber worrying about his upward mobility in the middle of a crisis. Stuart Wilson provides the perfect blend of the liberal man of reason, obsequious bootlicker and spent suburbanite. Bespectacled and wearing a tattered bathrobe throughout, he is superbly pathetic.

Gerardo's race against the clock, and the impending sense of doom that dawn brings, forces decisive action: a trial will be held in which Miranda's guilt or innocence will be determined. Lame duck hubby will play public defender; Polly, the prosecutor. But as things proceed in Polly's helter-skelter courtroom, the more it begins to look like Miranda's guilt is a case of mistaken identity. Polly's devil-may-care dementia doesn't help: "What if he's innocent?" asks Gerardo, pathetically. "Then he's really *fucked!*" Polly screeches.

As for the good doctor's guilt or innocence, you'll have to see the film to find out, but let's just say his memory serves him a bit too well.

Weaver and Kingsley literally burn up the screen, and Roman provides no end of lovely touches throughout. No doubt, the panties down the throat business, and a scene in which Polly escorts the blindfolded Miranda to the john and then holds his cock while he urinates (all the while cooing obscenities into his ear), will have dykes rolling in the aisles.



Sigourney Weaver, Stuart Wilson and Ben Kingsley (seated) in *Death and the Maiden.*

And I am not soon to forget the film's moody sex scene, in which Gerardo fondles Polly's exposed breast with one hand while clutching a chicken leg in the other. It's a perfect Roman moment, sustained for effect, intimating the potential for evil lurking just beneath the surface of the ordinary and banal. ▼

■ ***Death and the Maiden*** **opens Friday, Jan. 13 at theatres everywhere.**



Art from a queer perspective



Sex, Drums and Rock 'n' Roll

Crash Worship, God Is My Co-Pilot To Play SF

by Adrian Roberts

Rock music and sex are inextricably linked. There are many complex theories that claim to understand why, but to me it's always seemed obvious.

The electric guitar, especially when held at waist level, is really a thinly veiled phallic symbol. When coupled with pounding drums, which comprise the rhythmic backbone of just about every rock band, it seems clear: rock music's sexual energy is derived from the power of its instrumentation. And, in my opinion, the vital component of that power is the drums.

That said, the most sexually charged band I've ever witnessed is San Diego's **Crash Worship.** With three drummers, a rhythm guitarist and a bevy of others who alternately wail into microphones or create other sounds, the group has become notorious for its teetering-on-the-edge-of-chaos-type performances. This is *not* a typical rock show.

It's actually more like a ritual as tribal drumming sets the tone and sound crashes into sound. The musicians interact directly with the audience, inviting participation. Small fireworks are set off in the middle of the floor, drums are carried out into the crowd, water is periodically sprayed upon the writhing masses. Strobe lights and fog create a hypnotic environment, and all around one notices the gyrating movements of sweaty audience members who get caught up in the thrall of musical ecstasy.

It's music fit for the eve of apocalypse – dark yet strangely uplifting. Expect to be entranced, expect to get wet, and expect to see lots of pierced-and-tattooed "modern primitives." And don't forget to lose your inhibitions, because that's what these shows are all about. Take off your shirt and release yourself.

Crash Worship celebrates the release of *Triple Mania II,* its new album, with two Bay Area shows this weekend. On Friday, January 13, the band plays the Bay Area Rehearsal Studios, 129 Carolina between 16th and 17th streets. Sunday, January 15, the band performs in Berkeley at Berkeley Square, 1333 University Avenue. Both shows start at 10 p.m.; tickets are $10.

Girl-Girl Lust

All five members of **God Is My Co-Pilot** play the drums, though not necessarily at the same time. That's not to say, however, that these art-damaged New Yorkers are lacking in the sexual energy department. Far from it. But whereas Crash Worship's pheromones come from the music, God Is My Co-Pilot's emerge from their lyrics, which are rife with singsong tales of girl-girl lust.

Led by bisexual queer couple **Craig Flanagin** and **Sharon Topper,** GodCo (as they are sometimes known) defies easy categorization. From the title of their second album, *Speed Yr Trip,* one can deduce some affiliation with punk, as the abbreviated spelling of "your" is standard in punk circles.

Along with four independently released albums, GodCo has also released a ridiculous number of vinyl 7" singles – another punk tradition. But while their music possesses punkish elements, it is much more than that. It's impossible to describe their sound in just a few words.



God Is My Co-Pilot

"I like hyphens!" exclaimed Sharon in a recent interview. Trying to help, Craig offered this description: "Avant-circus-Finnish-Yiddish-new wave-punk-homo-core-jazz." Not quite, but it's close enough.

With the group's name emblazoned on practically every license plate holder from here to Peoria, one would think this band got out more. But the fact is, ever since they formed GodCo in '91, they've rarely performed beyond New York's cloistered avant-garde music scene.

This month, however, the band embarks on its first-ever West Coast tour before flying over to Japan for a week's worth of shows. Catch them this Saturday, January 14, at Kilowatt, 3160 16th Street. The show starts at 9 p.m., and tickets are $6. Call 861-2595 for more info. ▼



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Arnold McCuller's 'Exception to the Rule'

Ain't No Mall Diva

by Kelly Lemieux

A new record by recording artist Arnold McCuller has hit the racks at music retailers everywhere and it's about time.

The openly gay McCuller has been backing up vocals for Bonnie Raitt, James Taylor and Phil Collins for the last 17 years and is now grabbing the spotlight for himself.

Arnold is talented enough to hold the spotlight too, that is if the recording industry is ready to support an out gay African American in his 40s. His voice is smooth and controlled as he slides his way through the 14 tracks on his second release *Exception to the Rule.* The style is the R & B jazz currently being homogenized into anonymity by vocalists like Whitney Houston and Mariah Carey.

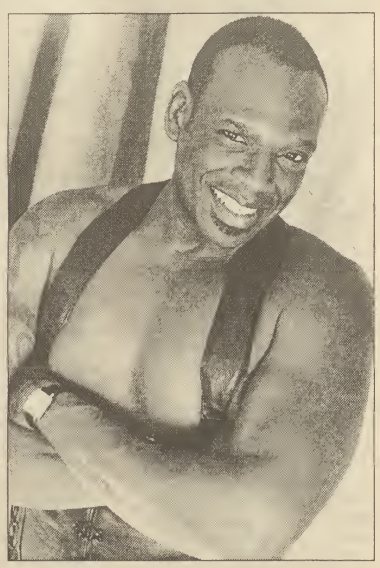
I'll take Arnold McCuller over those mall divas any day. On superb tracks like "Somewhere in Chicago" and "Lover's Holiday," McCuller captures the ambiance of a romantic evening in front of the fire with a significant other. The rhythm section backs him up with a laid back but funky base line as the occasional subtle saxophone riff works its way into the mix.

McCuller tried to enter the solo recording field a decade ago with *A Part of Me That's You,* but the album didn't take. The new release, on Colorado-based Coyote Records, is well on its way to establishing him as an independent singer, with a little help from his friends.

And McCuller has some high-powered friends. Rita Coolidge helps him out with backing vocals on "Change All of That" and "Song for Silas." Pop jazz star Dave Koz plays saxophone on the smooth-as-molasses cut "What Kind of World is This," and on "Soul Searchin' " his old friend Bonnie Raitt provides back up vocals.

Like many entertainers who are not magically transported up the ladder of fame by major label support, McCuller has been paying his dues. You might recognize his voice from commercials on which he's sung, and the sitcom themes he's recorded for TV shows like *Different Strokes* and *Mad About You.* He has also appeared in the films *Beaches* and *Hollywood Knights.*

With the steady increase in openly gay vocalists and actors in the '90s, it is possible that Arnold McCuller's new release will be helped, not hindered by his sexual honesty. As a gay man, I certainly find it refreshing to listen to his music knowing that he's singing his heart out for a guy. It's the perfect disk to make love to, and that alone should be worth the purchase price.



Arnold McCuller

If you want to see McCuller in action before picking up *Exception to the Rule,* he'll be a featured vocalist on Phil Collins' upcoming Unplugged performance on MTV. He's the one blowing Phil out of the water. If you like Soul and R & B, and you want to hear something new, Arnold McCuller is the ticket. ▼

Queer Living Past and Present

Lists and More Lists

by Daniel Mangin



As we begin 1995, the gay publishing boom continues unabated, and though quality may vary from tome to tome, the range of material documenting our past and present is both astounding and gratifying – the latter sometimes on more than one level. Books of lists or brief profiles of notable queerfolk must be very popular among readers, because no fewer than five such titles arrived at the *B.A.R.* on the same day last month.

Below are capsule reviews of the five.

Artifact-to-be

The Black Book: The Guide for the Erotic Explorer (Amador Communications, $12) is a locally produced "directory of sex-positive services and organizations throughout the U.S. and Canada," edited by Bill Brent. The book contains info about mainstream entities such as the American Social Health Association, "the country's only organization devoted to the prevention and control of all STDs," and also about hangouts and products for a variety of fetishists. Wrasslin' Bears, Club Mud, New York Strap & Paddle, Pervert Scouts – they're all here.

My favorite entry is the South Pasadena-based Aloft, which "offers therapy services as well as workshops and a golf league for lesbians." Scores an ace in my book.

Of interest to the dress-up set will be What a Drag!, whose "specialty is made-to-order wigs and shoes in hard-to-find sizes (up to a men's 15)." Sportsheets Inc. offers a "revolutionary restraint system that makes bondage as easy as making a bed" – though purists may argue that from the struggle comes half the pleasure.

The Black Book, which also lists hostelries, bookstores, bars and social clubs, is a most useful guidebook for the '90s that will doubtless be an invaluable artifact for late-21st century historians trying to make sense of our wayward era.

Queers for the ages

Paul Russell, author of *The Gay 100: A Ranking of the Most Influential Gay Men and Lesbians, Past and Present* (Citadel, $24.95), could have used a few more artifacts while compiling his informative volume. The further back in time one goes, the less tangible our history tends to be; fortunately Russell located sufficient resources.

Russell, author of the fine novel *Boys of Life*, proves himself equally adept at nonfiction. Stalwarts like Gertrude Stein, Andy Warhol and James Baldwin comprise the bulk of the entries, but the accomplishments of less-well-known queer contributors to history are also recorded: Jane Addams, a lesbian, won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1931; a co-founder of the American Civil Liberties Union, her activities included social work and many public causes.

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Living Room

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The Great Divide: An excellent video documentary by Deborah Fort and Anne Skinner-Jones, *The Great Divide* is about the 1992 anti-gay ballot initiatives in Oregon and Colorado. Clear and concise, the filmmakers present both sides of the story, from the struggles of those most deeply involved in the gay rights movements to the lame anti-gay diatribes of organizations like the Family Values Coalition. This is powerful advocacy journalism worth watching.

When You Name Me: A disturbing video-poem about hate crimes. Director Scott Beveridge stages a gay bashing and then superimposes over the images catch words that explore both the irrational fears behind homophobia and passivity about gay bashing in the queer community. Beveridge's low-lit, deliberately grainy images are further enhanced by a haunting, original soundtrack that is hard to get out of your head.

Hothead: Jennie Livingston, acclaimed director of *Paris is Burning,* turns her camera on two high-profile New York dykes and comes up with a surprisingly whimsical meditation on misogyny and castration. First we hear from Diane DiMassa, the creator of the popular queer comic strip *Hothead Paisan – Homicidal Lesbian Terrorist,* who tells us her character represents the collective rage of all women. Through a series of interviews filmed on the streets of New York's West Village, DiMassa deconstructs her comic creation and discusses the still-hot topic of John Wayne Bobbitt's penis.



The Great Divide

Livingston also talks to well-known performance artist Reno, who heightens the film's humor quotient. Shot standing in a bathtub, Reno comes up with a funny bit on a McDonald's-like drive-by castration hut, and in the next breath expresses unexpected affection for the male member. "It's not the penis," she jokes. "It's the guy behind it." Don't miss this one.

Thick Lips Thin Lips: Perhaps the weakest of the bunch. Although director Paul Lee's sensual portrait of an interracial gay kiss – one partner is black, the other Asian – attempts to explore issues of racism and homophobia, it only scratches the surface. As the film's two characters begin exploring each other's naked torsos, their idyllic moment is interrupted by a series of unpleasant intrusions: the black character hears a crowd of bigots in his head screaming racial epithets while the Asian character is pummeled with homophobic slurs.

In the end, the men overcome their victimization. Love prevails. The film carries a nice message, but it fails to address several important issues, like what about racism against Asians? And how did these guys overcome their own ethnic differences in the first place so that they could appreciate each other?

Odds and ends

Aside from this week's Frameline/GLAAD presentation, the Living Room Festival will broadcast queer entries from several other arts organziations:

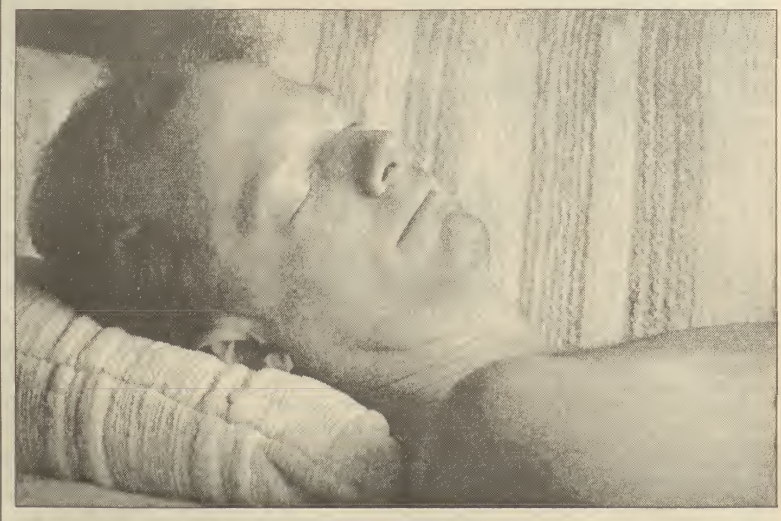
Virus: Stuart Gaffney's three-minute video concerns the thoughts of a man who considers making a film about being HIV positive. As he thinks it over, he begins to ponder the course of his life, how he sees himself, and how he wants to be seen by others. "Everyone thinks the virus makes you feel something extraordinary" says Gaffney's character, played by John Lewis. "Well I don't," he says. "I feel extremely ordinary." Another haunting work. (Airs Jan. 20.)

(Tell Me Why) The Epistemology of Disco: John DiStefano's tongue-in-cheek deconstruction of gay iconography presents a mock-historical argument for queers wearing 501 jeans. At times wickedly entertaining, this 23-minute low-budget overview of gay culture tries too hard to end on a serious note. But it's still worth watching. (Airs Feb. 24.)

The Living Room Festival continues on Friday nights (11 p.m.) through April. Look for two views on Native American life from the American Indian Film Festival (Jan. 27), recent competition winners from the Black Filmmakers Hall of Fame (Feb. 10), and several works by Mexican women directors from Cine Accion (March 10). ▼







Virus

INTERVIEW

Summer

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In the meantime, the pre-released single is featured alongside Summer's greatest hits on her latest anthology, *Endless Summer* (Mercury). The new track, the new compilation and a new traditional Christmas album (*Christmas Spirit*, recorded with the Nashville Symphony Orchestra) may well place Donna Summer back on the pop charts, but she is reluctant to see it as a dramatic resurrection.

"I try not to view it as a comeback," she says. True enough; Summer has never gone more than three years between albums. At times when success has eluded her in the U.S., she's managed to sell plenty of records in Europe. And just because she lost her heavy rotation on pop radio does not mean she disappeared; she was winning Grammys for inspirational music years after disco was dead.

"You're not always where the public is at the moment you do something," she admits. "Sometimes they get it, and sometimes they don't, and you can't take it personal."

"Melody of Love" combines C+C's quintessentially '90s light house sound with Summer's trademark '70s formula: a slow orchestral intro exploding into a string-laden dance anthem. *Endless Summer* balances the new dance single with the new ballad "Anyway at All," produced by Michael Omartian, who provided Summer with "She Works Hard for the Money" a decade ago. If neither song sounds half as revolutionary today as her breakthrough "Love To Love You Baby" did in 1975, both demonstrate Summer's still impressive energy, emotion and range.

Unfortunate utterances

Even if the Boston native has not visibly aged since her career began 20 years ago, Summer, who is 46, has matured artistically. She has tried her hand at gospel, rock, country and show tunes, garnering grudging respect from critics who were all too happy to bury disco. And her current image as a devoted Christian and mother is miles away from her '70s "Bad Girls" persona.

Still, Summer knows that no matter what she sings and how she acts, people will peg her as a disco diva. Her name still evokes memories of "Thank God It's Friday," cakes being left out in the rain, disco whistles and nightclubs filled with sweaty, screaming men singing, "Toot toot, yeah, beep beep."

"It's kind of to the point where it's a spoof to me, it's kind of like a cartoon," says Summer of her association with the disco scene of two decades ago. "I don't want it to limit me in what I can do. I did this, I did that, I did it well, now let's move on."

But moving on has proved difficult for Summer as another part of her past still haunts her. In 1983, the *Village Voice* reported that the born-again Christian Summer had made many anti-gay remarks and several references to AIDS being the well-deserved result of the sin of homosexuality. As a result, Summer's popularity within the loyal gay community plummeted. She has never quite recovered. She is still fighting to win back her gay support.

"I don't actually remember everything that happened," she starts, her voice betraying exhaustion at having to defend herself. "I think that the word Christian tends to put people into a tailspin. I don't think it was even what I said or didn't say or supposedly said. I think some people were threatened, and rumors started flying." After a pause, she punctuates her ambiguous statement: "It's a shame ... I'm not a judgmental person."

At a loss for words

Summer insists that despite her wealth and power at the time, she had no way to refute the allegations that she was a homophobe. And her belated response in the *Advocate* some six years later was hardly timely; longtime fans had already stopped listening to her.

While she cannot recall exactly what she did say that set off that string of misunderstandings, she is certain she would never have made such a remark about AIDS, especially when she has lost so many friends to the disease herself. At the same time, Summer says she has grown tired of the incident. She thinks it's time to move on.

"I have a big gay following, and I love them as much as they love me," she said. "It's not a one-sided thing. I don't know how you can remove your history. They're a part of my history, the whole way my career started. But at some point, I'm at a loss for words. What am I supposed to do?"

In some ways, Summer has essentially been in solitary confinement, scorned by her audience and unable to sell records. But she stresses, in typically upbeat fashion, that even the tough years have helped her in the end. She's looking ahead to new projects and plans on living a long and happy life.

"Sometimes I think that the misunderstandings and the failures have ultimately caused me more inner success. I know that sounds bizarre," she admits, "but in learning to grow with the public, I feel personally that I have far more understanding now than I would have or could have had at any other time. It's OK to make mistakes; it's just not OK not to learn from them." ▼

BOOKS

Heavy Stuff

Fat Chance
by Lesléa Newman;
Putnam, $15.95

Lesléa Newman has written about food issues before (*Good Enough To Eat* and *Eating Our Hearts Out*), and in her latest novel she explores a teen-ager's descent from obsessive dieting to eating disorders with compassion, humor and painful insight. I'll admit that I felt some concern when I realized that Newman used the journal form as the basis for the novel – I ought not to have worried, however, since Newman takes the form and creates rich and believable characters and events.



Judi is a thirteen year-old who has to keep a journal as an assignment from her English teacher. In the course of the semester, we get to know Judi, her teenage angst, and especially, her obsession with weight. Newman writes with an authentic teen-age voice, compelling in its honesty, painful in its revelations. If you've never understood the bulimia/anorexia thing, *Fat Chance* is an extraordinary introduction to the misery caused by our culture's fixation with female body image. But *Fat Chance* is no mere polemic, no lecture on the evils of eating disorders, because Newman knows how to write fiction that entertains while it instructs. I would recommend *Fat Chance* especially to teen-age girls, and to anyone who wishes to gain real insight into that most painful of ages. ▼

–Deborah Peifer

OBITUARY

Michael "Mae" Hughes

Michael Hughes came into our midst via Southern California. He worked in bars and taverns in Chicago and worked here in the Castro area where he become popular as "Mae." Michael was originally from Illinois.

In the 1979/80 campaign for Empress, Mae threw his hat into the ring officially as candidate Mae. He ran against Connie and Ginger, but Ginge was successful. He then became very active in the court system, where he assisted in many fundraisers and other events that took place that year.


Michael "Mae" Hughes

Mae assisted and worked actively with the two succeeding Empresses, Tessie and Phyllis, and in the 1981/82 campaign, he ran against Brett and Connie for Empress and was elected the 17th Empress of our city.

Mae was well known in the community because of his work in San Francisco bars, including the Stallion, the Blue & Gold and Aunt Charlie's. Mae had a devoted following and was loyal and devoted to the establishments he worked for. Mae promoted many benefits to help others less fortunate. He believed his greatest achievement was in becoming president of the San Francisco Tavern Guild, a position he labored hard to get and in which he accomplished many things.

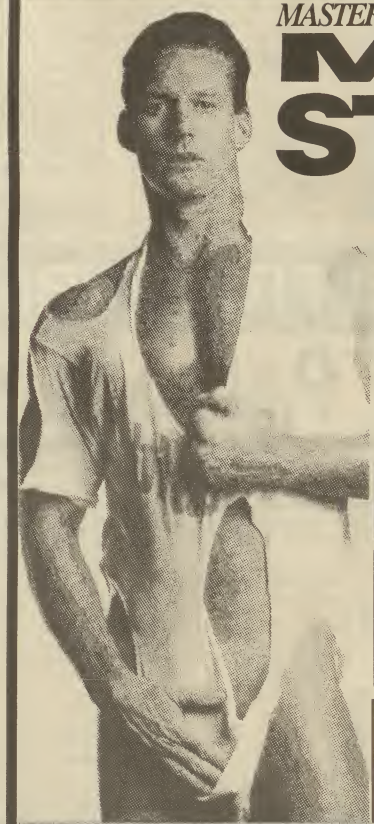
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Dancing at the Dome 12/17 - You: Blue white plaid shirt, dark hair, great dancer. Me: Brown/blond no shirt dress slacks, out there dancer. EXT 4435.

Blow Buddies, Sat Nite 12/17 - About 2am. You: Awesome body-builder, dark complexion, light jeans. Me: blond, beard, jeans & chaps, eagle t-shirt. You enjoy sitting on stool in front of me. I went to take a break, but never found you later. I'd like to continue....EXT 4475.

Nobhill Cinema-Chinese - 12/8, We shared a booth. You-Chinese student, University. Me: Wht, mid 20s. Wish we had meet under different circumstances.You're beautiful, physically and spiritually. I'm a writer, well educated, perfectly clean, not from SF. Lets try for something better. EXT 4434.

My Fair Lady 12/26 - Made eye contact outside Castro Theater before 1 pm show. You were walking by, I was waiting in line. We spoke briefly. You said you thought you recognized me. Me: about 5'8", long curly brown hair, brown eyes, wearing leather jacket. Would love to see you. EXT 4490.

Fabrizio - You answered my "chicken feet" ad; I got wrong number. Please call again. We met last year, I never called. Want you to come for dinner. EXT 4504.

Robert Frank R.U. Back From Minn. - After You called saying you'd already booked a flight. I tried to contact you, but couldn't find your #. You said you'd be back around 12/30. I hope we can get together again. Robert. EXT 2000.

Buena Vista - Angela's papa, Robert, If you're a single parent please call Patsy's papa, Graig. EXT 2001.

Jay From Cow Hollow - We met on Lorrie's shuttle, 12/23. You headed to Washington, me to Boston. Let's do coffee and more? EXt 2002.

Pasqua Tues. 12/27, 7:15pm - You: Young, curly brown hair, glasses. Me: Black leather jacket, br hair, goatee. We glanced at each other several times. After leaving Pasqua you took a detour around collingwood Park, I never caught up. I'd love to meet you. EXT 2003.

Rumors, New Years Eve - Hayward. Sat near you, exchanged glances, intrigued by your handcuffs. I wore leather jacket. EXT 2033.

New Years Eve - About 4pm you boarded BART at 19th St. Oakland, strawberry blond hair, black leather jacket, disembarked at Embarcadero. Me in rain gear w/ straight friend. would like to hear from you. EXT 2034.

12/31/94 - In front of Castro Street Station. Me: GBM, clean shaven, holding package and standing and talking w/ friend in green jacket. You: GWM, large mustache, mid to late 40s, dark hair, 5'10" to 6'. EXT 2035.

SEEKING RELATIONSHIP

M-M

Hot Bottom Looking for Top Daddy - Very handsome, very sexy, GWM, 27, muscular, masculine, talented, creative, caring, affectionate, kind, romantic, down to earth. Seeking top, handsome, masculine, GWM, 35-45, over 5'9", NS, ND, with facial hair & strong hairy body who has similar qualities for poss. LTR. EXT 4385.

Gentle Master Needed - 37 Latino/European, Br/Br, 5'7", 145#, HIV-, gym toned, cute, affectionate, kisser, uncut, great ass, hot bottom.. Looking for a good master to top me and train me to be his long term , exclusive pet. You are 35-45sincere, honest, liberal or leftie, good body, HIV-, willing to commit as I am. EXT 4436.

The Hottest Guy In Town - Even the hottest guy in town is not worth you risking your health over. Play safe! Protect yourself & those you play with. Always wear a condom when having anal sex, & don't exchange bodily fluids. If you're HIV+, don't panic, get early treatment, talk to someone that can help, & still play safe. EXT SAFE.

Hippie Love - 28y/o GWM down to earth guy is looking for GWM w/ hippie look & outlook. I'm very handsome, moustache, love outdoors, riding my motorcycle. You are hairy, have long blondish hair w/ beard, good person, handsome, financially stable, down to earth, NS, ND, into working for peace, love, & happiness. EXT 4386.

GB Midget or Small Person - GWM, Sml 160#, 50 looking for smallest little person, Me bottom open to most everything. Domination and some kinky acts. EXT 4437.

Tag-Team Partner Sought - Masculine, muscular, very hair GWM wrestler seeks LTR with similar mat maniac to share intense weightlifting work outs, no-hold barred pro-style ring battles to submission, challenging other tag teams. Muscular, hairy Latinos especially welcome; Blacks too. Ready? EXT 4438.

GAM Seeking SWM - SF, GAM, 5'11', 160#, seeking intelligent, thoughtful, humorous, romantic, mature, NS, ND, HIV-, no facial hair, height and weight proportionate GWM. EXT 4439.

Dynamic, Committed - Deep Love, Happiness, Sensitive, Caring, Athletic, Adventurous, Young, Warm guy with a big heart and high self-esteem to enjoy deep loving committed monogamous relationship. EXT 4440.

Weekend Courting/Romance? - Let's start the New Year together. We are clean shaven, affectionate, responsible, sensitive types who lives in SF. You: GWM top (HIV+ healthy fine). Me: GWM, 52, 5'11" 220#, bottom, Want LTR+Love. EXT 4441.

GWM, 36, Brown/Green 185 - Average build. Looking for one good gentleman who's not afraid of commitment. No preconceptions, no expectations. Let's meet and see what happens. I like pretty men with soft hair, mustaches and a mind that matches my own. I don't like Christians! EXT 4442.

If You Had Called - We share many interests, biking, hiking, relaxing on the beach in the sun and even spending a quiet evening just being w/ each other, maybe reading a book. We are 2GWM'. Physically we are wonderfully matched, at 30 my 5'8"slender and toned body is a nice fit for your equal or taller frame. Of course you always did like my blond hair hair & blue eyes. We are both health conscious. I must think of something special for our anniversary. Of course it is just a dream. EXT 4444.

Sexy Dad - Looking for hot man for good sex & good times. I'm 5'10" 185#, well built, active, versatile, hung & uncut. Your in your 30's & looking for mutual satisfaction, call & tell me about yourself. EXT 4445.

GWM, 31 - I'm 5'7" 165#, brown hair, blue eyes well built, smooth, sexually, versatile, body builder. Like to dine out, easy going, movies and sports, and looking for long term relationship! EXT 4446.

Gentleman Looking 4 Love - Attractive GBM, mid 20, 6'5", very muscular, NS, ND, looking for men 29-35 who enjoy quite evenings at home, laughter and good sex. Must be over 6'1" NS, ND. EXT 4448

Top Seeks Bottom in Marin - I'm a clean cut, GWM, 42, 5'10", 185, HIV+, happy & healthy seeking the company of a good man who enjoys the fresh air & rolling in the hay associate with country living. I prefer GWM, 35-45, HIV+ & healthy with weight proportionate to height. EXT 4449.

Barrio Boyfriend Wanted: - You latino under 25 GDLKG, masculine, top. Me: blond, blue eyes, 5'9" 150 GDLKG over 25.. sincere only PLS. EXT 4450.

Psychic? - Paranormal experience? Esoteric spiritual pursuit? Parallel realities? Me to. Lets talk. Hari OM Blessed Be. EXT 4451.

GBM Seeks Friends - Must be bearded and thin. I'm 38 HIV-165#, 6'1". Into progressive art, rock, jazz, space music, massage, hiking, cuddling, mountains, woods, wildflowers, vegetarian food, gardening and spirituality, NS, ND, NA. EXT 4452.

Bear Magazine Look - GWM 40 hairy husky, balding, moustache, 5'9", 195#, brown hair. I'm looking for guy 20-30 with attractive boyish looks for possible relationship. I enjoy bicycling, nature, Sci-Fi, films & safe versatile sex. I'm HIV-& good sense of humor. EXT 4447.

Part-Time Actor - Seeking full-time friend. Objective-dating. I'm 5'11", 148#, 48, brown-blue, HIV-,NS/ND. You: HIV- NS/ND 30-50yo, smoothish, HT/WT proportionate GM. Interests acting, theater, working out, running, hiking, etc. EXT 4453.

Bi Cultural - 35yo Latin/Caucasian 5", 200#, w/ traditional looks seeks GM for friendship, romance and possible LTR. Sincere Only. EXT 4492.

New Year's Resolution - GAM 30 5'7", 140#, gd lkng, compassionate, nice body, interested in foreign movies, language and science. Looking for someone nice to be life-long mate.(25-35y/o, kind and fit) EXT 4477.

!Buff Body, Fierce Intellect! - Black is always in style. Long term relationship offered by slightly demanding but completely endearing African American Prince. Witty, well-built, sharp-looking, late 30s professional!!! Candidates must be confident, hunky, bright, career driven, ready-to-wear, cultured, gym fanatics w/ masculine style to match sensitive substance. Euro a plus! EXT 4476.

I Have a Bear Magazine Look - GWM 40, hairy, husky, balding, moustache. I'm 5'9" 195#, dark hair. I'm looking for guy 20-30 w/attractive boyish looks for poss LTR. I enjoy bicycling, nature, Sci-Fi, films & safe versatile sex. I'm HIV- & good sense of humor. EXT 4478.

Guerneville Bottom Bear - WM, 46, heavyset, very hairy, gentle, creative writer. Seeks yngr, top, slender, smooth, clean shaven for LTR. EXT 4479.

Rus.Rvr Sorcerer Apprentice - Witch/Shaman, bearish, 40s, SKS, yngr guy w/ sincere interest in magic & the occult to share a joint exploration of magic & sex. Shy, inexp. OK. EXT 4480.

Filipino/Asian - Sought by vintage Italian male for companionship. Be serious/open minded. SJ/bay area. EXT 4482.

That Missing Element - I'm a successful, self-emp, professional in Oak hills. I have a busy schedule, but committed to make time for a special partner in life. Me: 5'5", 125#, HIV-, enjoy warm cozy evenings at home, romantic outings, travel, stimulating conversation & lots of affection. You: GWM/GAM/GLM 35-45, in shape, HIV-, intelligent, well-educ., zest for life & desire for companionship. NS+. EXT 4483.

Are You Looking For Love? - I'm masculine GWM, 6ft, 190#, 40, healthy, HIV+, mustache, fairhair & skin. Into homelife, film, photography, outdoors. I seek masculine, sensitive, black, Latin, Italian, man. Interested in LTR. Let's talk. EXT 4491.

Wanted: Not Politically Correct - Seeks top GWM, smoker, drinker, gym avoiding. Not overly addicted and usually responsible. You are younger, than I, live in SF, almost clean shaven, smooth, & affectionate. Me: GWM, early 50's, 220#, 5'11", LTR-oriented romantic bottom. EXT 4481.

Not Endowed or Greek God - But a healthy, fit, open minded, stable, unaffected, nice guy, and a great bottom. We are both HIV-, health, conscious, emotionally available, NS, ND, and I,m fair, smooth, youthful early 50's, and ready. EXT 4493.

Total Quality Man - Educated, attractive, successful, well built, out, secure, 28y/o, GWM. would like to meet someone w/ similar quality (28-35). GWM who enjoys outdoor activities. EXT 4494.

Total Bottom - Wishes to be even more submissive to top GWM HIV+. Love raw sex. LTR possible. I'm GWM, early 50's, 5'11", 225#, love you sweet cum. EXT 4495.

Seeking Italians and Latinos - 18-40 who prefer or relate well to being w/ an attr. sexy romantic older gentleman, 71, 5'8", 160#, HIV-, for on going friendship in & out of bed. Honesty and sincerity a must! EXT 4496.

Steady Boy Wanted - To kick back receive total satisfaction from cool forties experienced dad. Videos provided. You be clean and sincere. Shy & inexperienced boys OK. EXT 2010.

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Cute Buns Seeks Older Top - slim satin smooth youngster, 25, 6'1", 160#. New to USA have high intellect, seeks older sexy man 52+ who is very masculine, mature, romantic, classy and charismatic. EXT 4497.

Attractive, Fun-loving - 34y/o, masculine, 5'11", chubby guy, looking for a masculine GWM for LTR. Call and let's chat! EXT 2006.

Seeking Friendship & Maybe More - Attractive, Latino, 29, seeks GWM 25-35. Me: 5'6" 145#, dark hair, dark eyes, clean shaven, smooth body & professional. You: versatile, sincere, enjoy music, outdoors, ns, professional, call for date. EXT 2007.

Steady Boy Wanted - To kick back receive total satisfaction from cool forties experienced dad. Videos provided. You be clean and sincere. Shy & inexperienced boys OK. EXT 2010.

Tall, Lanky, GWM - 41, seeks sexual friend, 6'4", 163#, HIV-, gym devoted, light muscled, defined chest, hard stomach, moderately, hairy, trim beard, dk hair, striking, wants occasional but continuos recreational sharing/not marriage, your place, married, other relationships OK. You are wht, lat, mid 30s-mid40s, any height, HIV-, w/ good facial looks, regular exercised, physique, hard chest, lean waist. I'm masculine, sensitive, like kissing. EXT 2008.

No Wonder I'm Still Single - Relationship oriented WM, HIV-, 44, slightly overweight, average endowment but very handsome & kind, wants to live w./ & build a future w/ a slightly yngr, kinky WM under 6', 210#. Prefer smooth & cut 7+", smoke OK for now. JO enthusiast encourage, HIV+ considered, ND, Househusband OK. EXT 2009.

Fuck Puppet Wanted - Clean cut definitive top seeks all American white boy bottom, thirties of younger for good time in and out of bed. should be attitude free, open to romance, and have a sense of humour. Lets talk! EXT 2011.

Attractive GWM, 33, 145# - 5'9", HIV+, healthy, professional, seeking GWM, 30-45 for LTR, enjoys romantic evenings, cuddling and hot tubs, ND,NS. EXT 2012.

Seeking Big Brother - Bi WM, 40s, HIV-, very clean, trim, warm and passionate. Love to service and be serviced, enjoy erotic home movies and possible making one together. Seeking big brother late 50 to 65, HIV-, clean, trim and hot and has his own love nest, SF or East. EXT 2013.

Good Looking Masculine Type - GWM 40, 6'1", 200, br/gr. Not into bar scene. 100% genuine, compassionate & fun loving. Exception to what you have met. sks similar good looking masculine relationship oriented nice guy. EXT 2036.

Tights Fetish - Prof. GWM seeks friends in Bay Area who share my passion for nylon/lycra tights & ballet/modern dance eroticism. Write! EXT 2038.

Romantic, Healthy, HIV+ - GWM prof. 38, br/bl, 6'2", 175, handsome top, seeks LTR w/under 40 in-shape cute prof, cleanshaven, NS/ND, masculine. Fun a must! EXT 2039.

Seek GWM 18-27 to Love/Live With - GWM, 50(Look younger) would like to live w/ affectionate GWM as friend, companion, roommate, lover. jo body, to love & share life w/ in bay area. Seek LTR. Like to cuddle, am HIV-, 5'6", br/hlz. EXT 2040.

Married GWM Seeks Friends - Out to wife & new to area. Looking for sincere, honest, kind, trust worthy people with a sense of humor that like the same in their friends. Me: 30, 5'8", 155#, not into games, masculine, professional from Texas. I enjoy having a drink now & then & going out to clubs. I need friends to talk to & get out of the house every once in a while. I'm in the Eastbay Area. EXT 2037.

Gentleman Seeks Son - Prof. bottom son sought by 45, 6'2", 180#, HIV-, unpretentious, honest, romantic dad. You: smaller, younger, any race, fit, HIV-, interested in LTR only. EXT 2041.

Hungry Top - Seeks lean toned, hairy tits and deep-cleaned hairy crack that needs regular eating and heating up by a gdlkg, youthful 50's, very sexy, well-built top. Not brutal or raunchy. You're 35-55, NS, clean, in-shape, honest, reliable. Oral sex/safe jo. EXT 2042.

Pretty GM Seeks Friend - I'm tall, slim, 26 w/ a nice face & smile. If you're a WM 25-40, gdlkg, tall, and healthy then maybe we should meet and see what happens. ND. EXT 2043.

Natural Top Wanted - I'm fun assertive/enthusiastic, healthy, HIV+, 34, 170#, 6'1", vry attractive face and body. I seek a similar butch guy who's taller. Let's share intel. conversation, music, satirical comedy, arts, local travel, romance, etc. EXT 2044.

SEEKING ADVENTURE

M-M

I'm a Moustache Lover - Into guys w/ thick mustaches, especially horseshoe type, hairy bodies, especially blondes. I'm very hot GWM, great body, nice guy, very sexy & romantic. Looking for fun w/ possibility of more if chemistry works. EXT 4424.

Objective: Hot Times! - Me: WM, 170, 46, 5'10", sports fan, beard, no bullshit, no bars/scene honest. You: BM, any age, top, height/weight proportionate. EXT 4454.

The Hottest Guy In Town - Even the hottest guy in town is not worth you risking your health over. Play safe! Protect yourself & those you play with. Always wear a condom when having anal sex, & don't exchange bodily fluids. If you're HIV+, don't panic, get early treatment, talk to someone that can help, & still play safe. EXT SAFE.

Sex Crazed - You have average and above looks, weight/height proportionate, cum loving, pis drinking, butt licking who can appreciate a grt looking, drk skinned guy w/ a huge dick. Public encounters a plus, private encounters at your place ok. Ready to get down & dirty? EXT 4463.

Stud Butt-Hole Licker - Muscular, raunchy jock w/ rimseat. Looking for nasty studs who like to have their assholes worship by an eager, hot tongue. EXT 4464.

Into Strong & Sensual Hands - Attractive North European guy, 45 with strong sensual hands. No drugs. Not into barscene. EXT 4455.

Oral Service - BM, 6'11', 180#, hung, muscular. Will service WM, Latino, Asians, bike messengers, other things possible. EXT 4458.

Let's Practicel - 29, AHR. Tall, smooth, fit, br/bl, healthy. Nervous in sexual situation Seeks sinc. yngr. guy to ex. w/ massage, oral, cuddling. EXT 4459.

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RU Small, Proportioned? - UR wanted here now by 135#, 5'6". 6"x6"UC WM. Sharing, caring, open, party man to SC and balls, lick & fuck smooth ass. I am 51. UB HIV-. Call EXT 4462.

Seniors (50+) - A horny, husky, masculine,sexy senior man(maybe 2 or 3) would enjoy the talents of an endowed, experienced, mature black man. Let's enjoy some privacy, video, drinks, aroma and each other. Thanks. EXT 4456.

Feel my Moustache - In your crack and my tongue up your butt. Me 36 WM, 6', 160#, BR/BL. EXT 4457.

Asian Doing Asian - Lets get together at your place for lots of oral and butt play. I'm 5'11", 178#, 38, HIV-. Into safe versatile intense sex. Smooth and slim a +. EXT 4465.

Hot, Handsome, Top - This total top, GWM, 40, 6', 170#, mustache/goatee is seeking totally hot bottoms for the holiday season. HIV+ OK. Lets Fuck! EXT 4468.

Eastbay Late Nights - Do you like dirty talk, but are tired of phone sex? Like J/O but only meet suck/fuck types? Like buddy to buddy fun, but meet tops or bottoms? Do you drink & smoke but clean living types? Then let's party (share 50/50), my place, 10-11pm. No video or shaved cocks.. EXT 4469.

Hot Asian from Saoto - GAM 5'9" 150#, loves to be humped, screwed by GWM w/ big dick. Loves to service your body w/ my mouth & tongue. I need someone to open up my man hole, I will try toys and other kinky stuff. Love dominant daddy. EXT 4466

Military Men? - I live alone and I'm discreet. I seek military men to meet. Cum relax and have a good time. Your secret is mine. EXT 4484.

Live Outside of SF? - I want to meet people who live outside of SF to visit. I'm seeking new adventures, new environments and new friends. EXT 4485.

Black Male Wanted - By attractive GWM, 25, blond, 5'8". We are both physically fit, masculine and HIV-. You:Top, Me:Bottom. EXT 4498.

Under 28? - Seeking younger buddies to share time w/. Looking for a new slant of life. I'm muscular, curious and 38yo. EXT 4486.

I'll Do Anything at Least Once - Gd Lkg, WM, 25, 5'7", 145#, brn/hzl seeks WM under 35 for ideas and action. You be gd lkng and adventurous/creative. Couples, strait/Bi, kinky encouraged. It's worth a drive to Modesto. EXT 2030

Looking For Muscle Boy - Good looking GAM, 28, 5'10", 120#, seeks buff bodybuilders for body worship, bondage scenes. EXT 4499.

Fantasy Explorations - This 25yo GBM is seeking to explore light bondage, group scenes with 21-29yo. I'm 5'11", 170, great body, handsome, masculine and discrete. No disappointments here. EXT 4500.

Head at 5:30 am? - Well hung (91/2). East Bay black man needs a DLT expert who's available to service me at my place at 5:30 am weekday mornings. Experts only please. Have a man for breakfast. EXT 2018.

Jock Sucker - Masculine, bearded, sports minded, husky, HIV-, dad will service hot dudes on a regular basis. Live in south bay but will travel for right jocks. EXT 2020.

RU Uncut? - WM, boyish, 37yo, seeking intact guys for 69 erotic bondage, SM. UB: Fit, wt/ht proportionate, top, or versatile. Uncut couple A+. EXT 2021.

Animals are Always Hungary - Let the animal in, you come out. I'm 35, a body builder, great looks, muscles and hot, hot deep throat that wants your huge cock to massage. Only huge dicks can satisfy this animals appetite. EXT 2022.

Total Oral Satisfaction - This masc clean cut attractive guy's mouth is hungry to expertly service the body, cock & balls of horny masc. guys in good shape, clean-cut. I like to receive long sensuous oral service. EXT 2023.

Carnal Asian - Seeks other Asian. Great oral action on hot smooth bodies. 38, 5'8", 155#, Sensual , safe. All ages & marital status. EXT 2024.

Near SF State - Student? WM 21-35? Lay back to hot mouth, videos. Discreet & private. Cays best. Try it I'm waiting. EXT 2025.

Hung Black Male 9" - Clean, uncut, 59yo, HIV-, 170#, wants submissive deepthroated expert cocksucker to suck cock & milk hot cum from my big balls. Erotic massage a turn on. Your looks unimportant. Sincere please. Older preferred. Leave name, #, & time to call. EXT 2014.

Cum Here - Hot hole seeks dark boss. Should be mature and well endowed. Enjoy complete service from thirsty talented tongue. Big hands a plus! EXT 2015

Daytime Aggressive Sex Partner I'm 33yo, 6', 160#, bt(not much left)/gr, full beard, hairy, 8 1/2 uncut, great buns, versatile/bottom. Just looking for sex, not LTR. Into rough play, 3ways, role play. Can get into bare feet if chemistry is right. EXT 2016.

Service Me - Hot Italian ex-football jock seeks oral servicing on a regular basis. Cum freaks welcome. Call for detailed description. Long sessions preferred. EXT 2017.

Daddy-Just - Unzip - jack off in my mouth. Boy: cln shaven, eager, 33yr, GWM. EXT 2031.

Hictchhike For a Ride - Seek handsome, slender or muscular stud, great kisser to ride me like a sensuous lover, ride me like a wild bronco w/ a cowboy's passion. I am 33, handsome Asian/Latino hunk, w/ defined muscular body, delicious smooth cute butt. Or maybe you want me to ride you? EXT 2032.

Looking For Older Men - To suck, not over 7" please!! Horny 52yo GWM, HIV-, loves to suck cock, then be fucked, slow & easy!! My place, San Rafael, CA EXT 2045.

Too Thin? - You are Asian. You think you are to thin, always trying to gain weight. Well I'm just crazy about really skinny Asians, I'm also a very nice guy. Call for details. Are you free tomorrow night? EXT 2046.

Daytime - Hot, hairy, GLM 38, 5'10", 160#, gym bod., thick, uncut, 7", already have LTR, seeking, GWM, 30-45, HIV-, trim build, for safe, discreet, weekday action, bl/bl, A+, SF only. EXT 2047.

Hung Couple - Two gdlkg 34yo WMs hung big (8+ and 9+). Seek others for group action. Prefer inshape and hung guys. EXT 2048.

Spiritual and Passionate - GWM, 45, HIV-, 5'11", 190#, muscular, 6'2", uc, br/br, very hairy seeks, HIV-, GWM or Latin for spiritual, intellectual, and physical stimulation. EXT 2049.

Hung Big - Hot 6', 34, 155#, gdlkg, all-American collegiate type w/ gym toned body, hung big seeks other gdlkg guys hung as big (or bigger?) EXT 2050.

FETISHES

Your Strap-My Ass - Your paddle-my butt. Get the idea? I'm 36, 6'2", gym tones, HIV-.Experienced older bigger men welcome but not mandatory. I like it rough. 3ways? EXT 4487.

East Bay Ritualistic Cock Worship - Mainly into intense, heavy mutual dirty talk jerk off. Possibly some oral (mostly me receiving) while we are getting fucked up (share expenses 50/50) My place, 10-11 pm. Not into video, shaved cocks. Let's put on our own show. Seeking guys very endowed, thickness more important than length. EXT 4471

408 Area Code or Car - Will spread my legs if you will deepthroat a big black one regularly. EXT 4470.

Pumped? - Ultra deepthroat gumjob for you. Hours of to the root service for dick proud topcocks. Super pumped dick. EXT 4472.

Your Ass Will Sizzle - Ass massage-lite spanking. Spanking will stimulate nerve endings you never knew you had. Me: Attrac. GWM 6'5", 44, 280#, football players build. You: Attrac., GWM, 18-35, slim, smooth to mod body hair, nice buns, You need it bad! EXT 4473.

The Hottest Guy In Town - Even the hottest guy in town is not worth you risking your health over. Play safe! Protect yourself & those you play with. Always wear a condom when having anal sex, & don't exchange bodily fluids. If you're HIV+, don't panic, get early treatment, talk to someone that can help, & still play safe. EXT SAFE.

Experience FFB - Deep wide drain seeks expert plumber, plunger fist, long slow sliding, fast punching, your way your limits. Lean, 59, 5'11", 165#, beard, tatts. Top couples welcome. EXT 4474

Deepthroat FFB - Suck, fist, suck, fist all day/night long. creedy to the root cs, insatiable A1 asshole. Topfist, topcock. Fit, 59, 5'11", 165#, beard, tatts, sling. You: any age, race, size. EXT 4501

Your Boots, My Crotch - Erotic boots & leather rubbing and play sought by handsome healthy and muscular 33yo GWM. You must be H/W prop. good looking, 18-35, and healthy. Cowboy, Biker, English Riding, Black Leather Chaps, Gloves A++. EXT 4502.

Lover of Barefeet Seeks Same - I'm sensually/sexually aroused looking at, kissing, smelling, licking, caressing clean barefeet in reciprocal action and JO. I love all over body play. Masc. gdlking, GWM, 5'9", trim, hirsute, HIV-, N/A, N/D. LTR possible. E Bay area preferred. EXT 4503.

Need Old Fashioned Spanking - Over the knee of a dominant & caring man 41yo. I need your firm hand on my round butt. spank me in my pants, my jockeys, & on my bare bottom w/ my pants & shorts pulled down. Men in uniforms, & suits a +. Paddles OK. UR 30+yrs. EXT 2026.

Nice Feet/Dick Slave - Yng looking late 40s, NS, foot fetish, seeks only dominant nice footed men. I'll grovel, massage, lick & worship feet & cock as told. Eastbay preferred. EXT 2027.

COUPLES

Looking For Young Couples - Looking for couples in good shape & good looking. Me: 30, 5-9, 160#, white trash. You: two, (three) about the same, Latino's a +. Must be safe & responsible. EXT 2028.

You, A Mature Couple - Attr, pass, clean shaven, responsive, HIV-, yng 50 Englishman, seeks opportunity to warm up Anglo American relationships on occasional get togethers and enjoy 1995. EXT 2029.

OTHER

Discreet Encounters - GAM, 30, 5'7", 130. Seeks discreet times w/ attorneys who are masc., clean cut/shaven. I'm discreet. Very safe & easy to get along w/. PM encounters. EXT 4488.

Castro Halloween Photo - You took our photo: One man w/ a garland of flowers on his head, another w/ a bridal veil. My friend has died and I would like a print. Call. EXT 4489.

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Before and After: Images of Surgery

Photographs by May Mantell. Opens tonight, 7 to 9pm. Thru 2/9. Figure 5 Gallery, 3491 19th St. **641-8042**.

Scott Capurro, Rob Nash

Two comic writer/performers return to their roots in stand-up. 1/13 & 1/27. $10. 10pm. Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St. **861-7933**.

The Europeans

"Struggles to Love," U.S. premiere of Howard Barker's play, presented by SF Theater Workshop. Thurs.-Sat. at 8pm, Sun. at 7pm thru 2/5. $12. 450 Geary Theatre Studio. **673-1172**.

Frankie and Johnny in the Claire de Lune

Terrence McNally's courtship drama opens. Thurs.-Sat. thru 1/27. 8pm. Noh Space, 2840 Mariposa St. **771-3922**.

Furry Man

Mr. S.F. Furry Man '94 Patrick Fitzpatrick, Stacy Collins and Jasmine's World: beer bust benefit for Breast Cancer Action. $6. 7-11pm. The Bear, 440 Castro St. **861-9427**.

Goblins from the Lands of Ice

Harupin-Ha Butoh Dance Theatre presents a winter tale inspired by Icelandic folklore. Thurs.-Sat. at 8pm, Sun. at 2pm thru 1/15. $12-20. Theater Artaud, 450 Florida St. **621-7797**.

The Joy of Gay Sex

John Fisher's play about sex and sexual politics in an extended run. Fri.-Sun. $12. 8pm. Bayfront Theatre, Bldg. B, Fort Mason. **776-8999**.

Karla and Grif

Darkly humorous portrait of obsessive lesbian love, directed by Adele Prandini. Wed.-Sat. at 8pm, Sun. at 3 & 7pm thru 2/11. $12-18. Theatre Rhino, 2926 16th St. **861-5079**.

George Kuchar

Two new videos in 8mm: *Urchins of Ungawa* and *Tales of the Twilight Typist*. $5. 7:30 & 9:30pm. ATA, 992 Valencia St. **824-3890**.

Last of the Suns

A former general in the army of Chiang Kai-shek celebrates his 100th birthday in the San Fernando Valley. Tues.-Sun. thru 1/27. $17-21.50. 8pm. Berkeley Repertory Theatre, 2025 Addison St., Berkeley. **(510) 845-4700**.

The Nowhere Band

Created by George Coates, music by Marc Ream, a mix of theatre, jazz, opera, magic and data rock. Thurs.-Sat. at 8pm, Sun. at 3 & 7pm thru 1/15. $14-34. George Coates Performance Works, 110 McAllister St. **863-4130**.

Oedipus and the Gospel at Colonus

Sophocles' tragedy, musical directed by Lamont A. Coleman. Thurs.-Sat. at 8pm, Sun. at 4pm thru 2/15. $14. Egypt Theatre, 5306 Foothill Blvd., Oakland. **(510) 276-3538**.

101 Humiliating Stories

New York standup actress Lisa Kron performs anecdotes such as "Geeky Celebrity Encounters." Wed.-Sun. thru 1/29. $12. 8pm. Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St. **861-7933**.

Sacsha Rice

"Guts," a comedic journey through the medical profession. Fri. & Sat. $5. 8pm. Build, 483 Guerrero St. **863-3321**.

Kathy Rice-Grimm

Paintings of nudes, pastels and works on paper. Fri.-Sun., 12-5pm, thru 1/29. Artists Gallery, 4076 19th St. **626-2070**.

Scenes From My Love Life

Nine gay men in search of intimacy: Ronnie Larsen's hit comedy. $15. Thurs.-Sat. at 8pm thru 1/28. New Conservatory Theatre, 25 Van Ness Ave. **861-8972**.

S 14

Angels in America

Millennium Approaches alternates with *Perestroika*, Tony Kushner's big A play. 7:30pm Tues.-Sat., 1:30pm Wed., Sat., Sun thru 4/2. $13-45. Marines Memorial Theatre, 609 Sutter St. **749-2ACT**.

ArtReach

Art for non-profit HIV/AIDS organizations. Opening reception tonight, 6-9pm. Tues.-Sat., 12-6pm thru 1/28. Life Conference Center, 1675 California St. **206-0933**.

Chase the Winter Blues Away

Dance for women produced by Bay Area Career Women. $10 advance, $15 at door. 8pm-1am. Olive Oil's, Pier 50. **495-5393**.

Dyke Storm

Elissa Perry, Harriet Poon, Allison Greene, other performers. $7-10. 8pm. Luna Sea Women's Performance Project, 2940 16th St., #216C. **863-2989**.

Gay Comedy Night

Danny Williams, Scott Capurro, Karla Carmony. $10. 10pm. Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St. **861-7933**.

Mt. Diablo Hike

S.F. Hiking Club circumambulates Diablo, 8 miles, moderately strenuous. Meet 9:15am, under Safeway sign, Market & Dolores. $12.50/car. Heavy rain cancels. **255-1420**.

Negatives Being Positive

House party for HIV negative men. BYOB. 8pm. RSVP for address. **476-6448**.

Perverts Put Out

Performance benefit for *Black Sheets* magazine, features Carol Queen, pansy, Bill Brent, others. $8-20. 8pm. 848 Community Space, 848 Divisadero. **431-0171**.

SU 15

Nayland Blake, Lawrence Rinder

Co-curators of gay art exhibition *In a Different Light* discuss their work. $6 admission to museum. 3pm. University Art Museum, 2626 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. **(510) 642-2358**.

GAWK

The Gay Artists and Writers Kollective seeks videomakers, publishers, musicians to join its weekly meetings, Sundays at 2:30pm. **731-2424**.

GLOBE Holiday Brunch

Potluck, celebrate Dr. MLK's birthday. Free. 1pm. Project Eden, 409 Jackson St., Hayward. **(510) 538-9722**.

James "Gypsy" Haake

Celebrating 60 years of female impersonation; with Supervisor Tom Ammiano, others. Benefits AIDS research. 3pm: $35. 6pm dinner/8pm show: $55 advance, $65 door. Finocchio's, 506 Broadway. **865-2143**.

Henry V

Trinity Shakespeare Company production. Sun. at 2pm, Mon.-Wed. at 7:30pm thru 2/15. $10. 450 Geary Studio Theatre. **972-8063**.

Rozz!

One woman musical comedy performed by Pattie Lockard: the Country 'n Western singing fool who wanted to be a star. 1/15, 29, 2/12, 26. $10. 2pm. New Conservatory Theatre, 25 Van Ness Ave. **861-8972**.

Russian Ballet

An ensemble of soloists from Kirov and other St. Petersburg ballet theatres in modern miniatures and excerpts from classic ballets. $16-32. 2pm. Palace of Fine Arts, Bay and Lyon Sts. **392-4400**.

Nicholas Yankosky

Photography: fashion, portrait, nude and still life. Thru Jan. at Josie's, 3583 16th St. **861-7933**.

M 16

Culture In Motion

Artwork and poetry by Bay Area teens, graphic design by Rex Ray, on view in kiosks along Market St. thru Feb. An off-site art project by the LAB and Small Press Traffic. **346-4063**.

Gay Comedy Open Mike

M.C. Suzy Berger. Aspiring queer comics sign up by phone. $5. 8pm. Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St. **861-7933**.

Mark Hannon

Works from the artist's series "Love, Life, Sex & Death" show at Bentley's Restaurant, 185 Sutter St. **922-7889**.

Curtis Otto

A modern expressionist's paintings of the human form, thru Jan. Stimulatte, Market & Noe. **626-5410**.

Singing Fools

New musical comedy featuring vocal trio "The Jesters." Wed.-Sun. thru 2/4, call for times, $14-$18. Willows Theatre, 1975 Diamond Blvd., Concord. **(510) 798-1300**.

Synthesis

Recent work by Marque Cornblatt. Mon.-Sat. 9am-6pm, Sun. 10am-5pm thru 1/22. Architects and Heroes Gallery/Salon, 2239 Fillmore St. **921-8383**.

Winter Group Show

Works by Paul Cadmus, Randall Lake, Jennifer Li and others. Thru 1/28. Mon.-Fri. 10am-5:30pm, Sat. 10am-5pm. John Pence Gallery, 750 Post St. **441-1138**.

Richard Wood

Bay Area dance photographer projects portraits of dancers onto found stone surfaces. Exhibits thru January. Mad Magda's Russian Tea Room, 579 Hayes St. **864-7654**.

TU 17

The Art of Star Wars

Models, paintings and artifacts used in the epic film trilogy. Tues.-Sun., 11am-6pm, Thurs. til 8pm. $8. Center for the Arts Galleries, 701 Mission St. **978-ARTS**.

Foggy City Dancers

Gay & Lesbian Square Dancing, free introductory class. 7:30pm. Live Oak School, 117 Diamond St. **905-4546**.

Grease!

Tommy Tune's production includes Sally Struthers and Davy Jones. Tues.-Sun. thru 2/5, call for times. $15-60. Golden Gate Theatre, Golden Gate & Market St. **776-1999**.

Keith Haring

Exhibition of original artwork. Thru Jan. Martin Lawrence Gallery, 465 Powell St. **956-0345**.

Debra Heimerdinger

Exhibition of a series of still life photographs of flowers. Tues.-Sat., 10am-7pm thru 1/21. Vision North Gallery, 2300 Polk St. **474-4581**.



Gregory G. Giles and Matt Guidry star in *World and Time Enough*, first screening for Mangin's class Film 120C,

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"Thick Lips Thin Lips" by Paul Lee, part of *American Queeries*,
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Journeys into the Interior
Photographs of rural life by Jock McDonald. Also: work by Howard Schatz, Joan Myers. Mon.-Sat. 9am-6pm thru 1/28. Vision Gallery, 1155 Mission St. **621-2107**.

Josef Koudelka
Rare vintage photographs by Czech master. Tues.-Sat., 11am-5:30pm thru 2/25. Robert Koch Gallery, 49 Geary St. **421-0122**.

Kurdistan
"In the Shadow of History" and "When Borders Bleed: The Struggle of the Kurds," exhibitions about the largest ethnic group in the world without a nation. Tues.-Sat. 12-5pm thru 1/28. SF Camerawork, 70 12th St. **621-1001**.

Joan La Barbara
Soprano and SF Contemporary Music Players in world premiere of her *In the shadow and act of the haunting place.* $14. 8pm. Veterans Bldg. Green Room, 401 Van Ness Ave. **252-6235**.

Lavender Lounge
Gay/lesbian TV show features new segment, "Wenda Watch White Trash Cooking Show." Tuesdays, 10pm. Cable Channel 47. **337-4921**.

Manufacturing the Found Object
Group exhibition, works by Steve Briscoe, Tomas Nakada, others. Reception tonight, 6-8pm. Wed.-Fri., 12-4pm thru 2/18. **546-7844**.

The Redneck Way of Knowledge
Blanche McCrary Boyd reads from her personal history, free. 7:30pm. A Clean, Well-Lighted Place for Books, 601 Van Ness Ave. **441-6670**.

Right of Way
Drawings, paintings, auto-Polaroids by Michael Patrick Shanoski. Tues.-Sat., 12-6pm thru 1/30. Mulligan-Shanoski Gallery, 747 Post St. **771-0663**.

Rock N Roll Tuesdays
DJ Chris V spins classic to prog rock. $2 cover. The Stud, 9th & Harrison Sts. **863-6623**.

W 18

The Art of the Santera
Traditional and contemporary images of holy personages by women artists. $3. Wed.-Sun. 12-5pm thru 3/12. Mexican Museum, Bldg. D, Fort Mason Center. **441-0404**.

The Bob Dalpe Dinner Show
Suave crooner performs with the Susan Chen Trio, every Wed. in Jan. $2. 7pm. Cafe Du Nord, 2170 Market St. **861-5016**.

Gay Skate
Rink full of queers on roller-skates. $5 includes skates rental. 8-10:30pm. Rolladium Roller Rink, 363 North Amphlett, San Mateo. Info: **96-SKATE**.

Great Women in Blues
The Bay Area Blues Society presents world class blues. Weds. in Jan. $3. 8:30pm. Cafe du Nord, 2170 Market St. **861-5016**.

Homosexuality in Film
City College film class taught by critic Daniel Mangin begins. (Also Thurs. night class, begins tomorrow.) *World and Time Enough* screened. $49/semester. 6:30-9:30pm Everett Middle School, Rm. 225, 17th & Church. **668-0767**.

Natural Happy Disaster Bargain Days
An installation by Laura Hartwick, with "Even If Such an Object Outside Us Were Unimportant," an installation by Scott MacLeod. Wed.-Sat., 12-5pm, thru 2/3. Southern Exposure, 401 Alabama St. **863-2141**.

Old Glory, New Story
"Flagging the 21st Century," an exhibition of American flags redesigned by 75 artists. Tues.-Sat. 12-6pm thru 2/4. Capp Street Project, 525 2nd St. **495-7101**.

Open Lesbian and Gay Reading
Poets and prose writers invited to share their work. Free. 7:30pm. Modern Times Bookstore, 888 Valencia St. **282-9246**.

Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead
A.C.T.'s production of Tom Stoppard's *Hamlet* satire. Tues.-Sat. at 8pm, Wed. & Sat. at 2pm, Sun. at 3pm thru 2/5. $13-39. Stage Door Theatre, 420 Mason St. **749-2ACT**.

SFMOMA Opening
New building for the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art opens to the public. Inaugural exhibitions include *Public Information: Desire, Disaster, Document.* Tues.-Sun. 11am-6pm, Thurs. til 9pm. $7. 151 Third St. **357-4000**.

Talking Pictures
"People Speak about the Photographs that Speak to Them" exhibits thru 3/12. Ansel Adams Center for Photography, 250 4th St. **495-7000**.

Too Beautiful for Words
Twenty visual artists celebrate sensual enjoyment. Tues.-Sat. 11am-6pm thru 2/2. Bucheon Gallery, 355 Hayes St. **863-2891**.

TH 19

Bingo!
Gay bingo benefits Coming Home Hospice, every Thurs. $12. 6pm. Most Holy Redeemer Church, 100 Diamond St. **241-0425**.

E Festival
Dancers' Group/Footwork presents Nesting Dolls Dance Co., SQUAD and Wells & Hermesdorf Dance Co., Thurs. & Fri. $10 advance, $12 door. 8pm. 3221 22nd St. **824-5044**.

Bill Fontana
Acclaimed sound sculptor speaks about his work. $6. 7:30pm. San Francisco Art Institute, 800 Chestnut St. **771-7020**.

The Last Yiddish Poet
A Traveling Jewish Theatre's new production opens tonight. Thurs.-Sat. at 8pm, Sun. at 2pm thru 2/26. $12-15. Project Artaud, 2800 Mariposa St. **399-1809**.

New Works In Photography
Curated by SFMOMA photography doyenne Sandra Phillips. Thru 2/4; call for gallery times. Intersection for the Arts, 446 Valencia St. **626-2787**.

On the Walls
An exhibition of graffiti curated by Tracy Clark. Artists include Spie, Element, Quest, Bles. Also: Five Photographers from Guadalajara. Thurs.-Sat., 12-5pm thru 2/2. Belcher Studios Gallery, 69 Belcher St. **626-8917**.

Rush Limbaugh In Night School
Charlie Varon plays the chubby right-wing radio personality. Thurs.-Sat. at 8:30pm thru Jan. $10-15. The Marsh, 1062 Valencia St. **641-0235**.

Women Who Stand Up
Women stand-up comics, straight and gay. Thursdays. $4. 8pm. Cats Grill and Alley Club, 1190 Folsom St. **972-8047**.

Yellow Peril
Installation by Huang Yong Ping uses a military landing craft and 50,000 locusts. Tues.-Sat. 12-6pm thru 3/4. Capp Street Project, 525 2nd St. **495-7101**.



Photo: Donna Kelly

"Albion's Daughter" by Richard Wood, showing at Mad Magda's,
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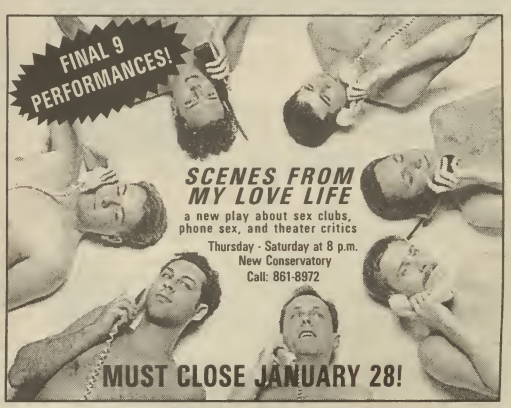


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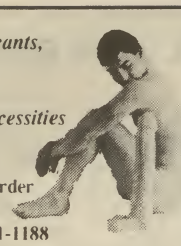
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Washington's Centaurs Celebrate 25 Years

The first major leather competition to send a contestant to the International Mr. Leather contest in Chicago next May takes place this weekend in Washington, D.C. when the East Coast's premier bike club, the Centaur MC, celebrates its 25th anniversary and stages the 11th Annual Mr. Mid-Atlantic Leather contest. Richard Benoit of Baltimore (now President of Baltimore's C.O.M.M.A.N.D.) will pass his sash to one of a healthy-looking group of hopefuls.

Busloads of bike clubbers from Albany, N.Y. to Greensboro, N.C. will join almost 1,500-plus leathermen and women for the event. The $50 weekend package slots are sold out; the host hotel, Ramada Plaza, is sold out; and the leather community in the capital awaits the horde with myriad activities.

Mr. Mid-Atlantic Leather 1993, Frank Nowicki, no stranger in these parts, will co-emcee the event with former holders of the title, Dan Noel and Kerry Richard. At my deadline, not all the judges had been confirmed, but International Mr. Leather, Jeffrey Tucker is one for sure.

An added attraction this year (optional) is the Dungeon Dance VI (Saturday night at the Lost & Found) produced by Jose Ucles. This is one of the most notorious events on every bad boy's list and hopefully, the killer cold spell that engulfed the Eastern seaboard last year will not repeat itself. Being stranded in Washington in sub-zero weather is not at all pleasant, although the excellent hospitality extended by locals to the stranded ones was much appreciated. Tix for the dungeon dance are already going like hot cakes.

Several San Francisco bike club members will present their "colors" at the opening ceremony of the Sunday afternoon contest. Seeing over 100 bike clubs onstage with their club banners is an exhilarating pastiche of color, pomp and ceremony. I'll be there to bring you the results of the competition and all the worthy dish. Wish you could be there.

We endured the nastiest weather all last week and weekend, which certainly made it easy to justify watching the NFL playoffs. The 49ers absolutely destroyed the Chicago Bears and, as a result, will have a repeat clash with the Cowboys next Sunday. Hopefully, the results of Sunday's game will bring the 49ers to the Super Bowl. Go Niners!

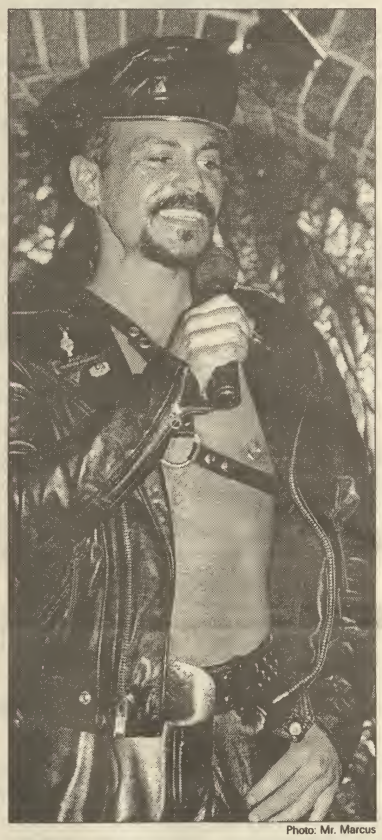


Photo: Mr. Marcus

Michael Valerio, co-founder of the Folsom Street Fair, passed away on Jan. 5. He will be long remembered for establishing the world's largest leather event and aiding needy organizations with funds generated from the annual fair.



Photo: Mr. Marcus

Frank Nowicki (R.) co-emcees the Mr. Mid-Atlantic Leather contest in Washington, D.C. Sunday, Jan. 15. He is shown here standing with "Lurch" and his pet "Cuddles" at the 1994 Folsom Street Fair. Mr. Lurch is a former member of the Centaur MC.



Photo: Robert Pruzan

Don and Ken were contestants at the first Bare Chest contest in 1985 at the Arena Bar. The 1996 calendar contests begin again this Thursday night at 2200 at the SF-Eagle.

To add to the gloom created by all this rain, news reached me over the weekend that Michael Valerio, one of the founders of the Folsom Street Fair, passed away from AIDS complications on Thursday, Jan. 5.

A native San Franciscan, Michael was one of the most easy-going personalities on the leather scene. He worked so very, very hard to establish the world's biggest leather celebration – and he succeeded. His pride and sense of fulfillment at seeing hundreds of thousands of leather people on Folsom Street each year was truly inspiring.

Michael never said no when he was asked to help on a committee, judge or emcee a contest. His laughter and enthusiasm were contagious. His efforts with the Folsom St. Fair always included women. His first co-chair was Kathleen Connell, and later the irrepressible Jayne Salinger. Their efforts in making the fair a success led to Community Awards and coveted Cable Car Awards (three times!) and landed him in the Hall of Fame.

A memorial service for Michael will be held at the Columbarium on Lorain Street (off Geary) next Saturday afternoon, Jan. 15, at 1300. Farewell, Michael. Your contribution to the welfare of so many people in the Bay Area rank among the highest accomplishments that anyone could expect from one man. You must surely know how many leatherpeople you made happy around the world with the Folsom St. Fair.

With everyone still recovering from the holiday madness, it was pretty laid back around ye olde campus last week, but exciting things are headed your way, so rest while you can.

Dish, they want dish

I really don't have all the facts yet, but ever since I publicized the info. on the opening of The French Quarter and Bottoms Up (formerly Cocktails/The Pit), I've been bombarded with anonymous phone calls and faxes about the Madison AIDS Support Network in Wisconsin. It isn't pretty at all. Even in Madison WI, some people never rest, I guess.

I've been trying to get a photo of the new Ms. Colorado Leather, who was chosen in early December, but no response(s) from producers Sandra Wiseley-Carr and Bart Plumbley. I hope the winner shows up for the IMsL. competition in Chicago in July!

Repeat: Does Inter-Club Fund know where their corporate seal is? Apparently not, and apparently they don't care. ▼



Photo: Mr. Marcus

There were 10 contestants on hand for the SF Leather Daddy's Boy title last September at the Eagle. Jim Gibson (standing second from left, rear) won it. The next contest will be on Sunday, Sept. 3, 1995.



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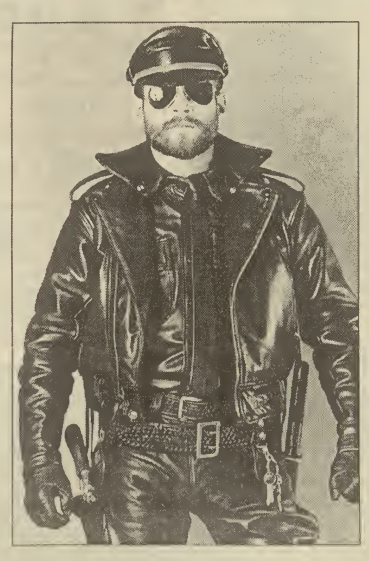
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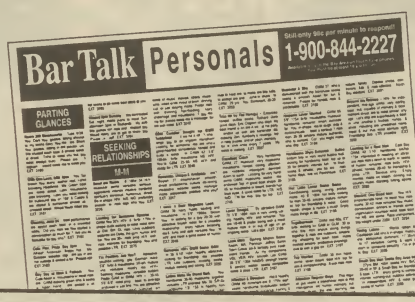


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Affairs to Remember

Thursday, Jan. 12

The SF-Eagle kicks off the 1996 Bare Chest Contests tonight. Since I'll be en route to Washington for the Centaur MC's leather weekend, Don Thompson has graciously consented to emcee the action which starts at 2200. Win $100 and fame throughout the year. Benefits the AIDS Emergency Fund.

It's a $6 beer bust (at 2000) and a Big Basket contest (at 2200) at The Edge, with Danny Williams emceeing and the emperor and empress helping judge. Win $100. Again, for the AEF.

Weekend, Jan. 13-16

In Washington, D.C., the Centaur MC's Leather Weekend as stated above. Optional event: Dungeon Dance VI at the Lost & Found Saturday night, $10 advance (tickets at Leather Rack and Lambda Rising). Tickets for the Jan. 15 contest only are $20 at the door. The event begins at 1100 and includes cocktails and a fabulous brunch.

Andy Mangels' Portland Uniform Weekend 3 in Oregon all weekend, with uniform action Friday through Monday, including a Clippers party, indoor Paintball and a play party. Call (503) 228-6935 for more info.

Pegasus Motorcycle Owners Club departs from the Castro Station bar on Saturday morning, Jan. 14, for their Iceman '95 "Frozen Fish" Run to Monterey. For non-members, it's $65. Chauncey Smith is the road captain. Call 626-7002 or 953-5667, and see if there are any spaces left.

Monday, Jan. 16

Celebrate the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday. They're having a Full Moon Party at The Edge tonight. The audience judges the "moons" for first, second and third best. According to Edge manager Eric Weinman, "Any asshole can enter; any asshole can win." Party begins at 2000, contest at 2200.

Wednesday, Jan. 18

GRUF (Great Unshaven Faces) Magazine's Premiere Issue Party is at the Lone Star from 1800 to 2100, with food, drink specials and a GRUF contest. The party continues later at Leather Buddies (933 Harrison), and you know the rules: leather and boots mandatory – absolutely no cologne. *You will be sniffed!* Right, Brad?

Weekend, Jan. 20-22

Stormy Leather remodeling celebration sale in their new 2000-sq. ft. digs. Every purchase you make qualifies you for a chance to win a $200 gift certificate via a drawing. Hi, Jenne and Kathy!

Mr. Silver State Leather contest in Reno takes place at Bad Dolly's (only $2!) on Friday, Jan. 20. Other events before that. Contact Steve Calla at (702) 331-7059 for more info and costs, or write P.O. Box 50762, Sparks, Nevada 89435.

Saturday, Jan. 21

The Ring seminar this week (1300-1500) is entitled "Buyer's Guide to Leather Gear" and is moderated by Grant Dupont, manager of A Taste of Leather, the oldest leather store in town. Call 522-9697 for location and cost. A mixer without attending the seminar starts at 1500.

SF Dyke Mommy Contest at the Eagle at 2000 for $7. It includes a fantasy show, a beer bust and 50/50 raffle. Thanks Tina Carroll for a good year.

Weekend, Jan. 27-29

Mr. Ohio Valley Leatherman Contest at the Columbus Eagle in Ohio and Mr. Leather of Los Angeles at the LA-Eagle – both on Saturday, Jan. 28. LA Leatherfest all weekend, too, and here at home, Mr./Ms. Intl. Cheeks & Chaps Brian Gronlund and Liz Haas present "Cabaret '95" (a musical revue) at MCC at 2000. Tickets are $10. More on all these events next week. ▼

SWEET LIPS

Lips Back on the Wagon

I have something spectacular to announce to all of my royal subjects out there, who are no doubt hanging on for dear life at bar rails around the globe. This year brings the world premiere and national tour of "Dishin' With Divine," a spectacular show starring **Mr. Walter Cole,** better known as **Darcelle.**

The show is written by **donnie** and will be directed by **Sharon Knorr.** Performances are on Sundays only (Jan. 8- Feb. 5) at Portland's Stage 2. Now doesn't this sound like a hoot? Just imagine, the whole thing is to be performed **LIVE** by Darcelle, who actually had to learn 58 pages of script! If we're lucky, we'll see the show in San Francisco this spring.

In other glamorous news, "Alice in Genderland," the 11th annual ETVC Cotillion, will be held on Saturday (the 28th) at the Russian Center. Dinner is at 7 p.m.; show at 8 p.m. Tickets are $20 and can be purchased at Kimo's and Marlena's (again!).

Polk Gulchers and others will be happy to know that a fabulous new bar/restaurant and entertainment complex has opened on Polk and Clay Streets. It's called Heart & Soul. Occupying the former home of the old Q.T., it seems like the perfect place for a night out. It's really cute and I just love what they've called it. I think everyone should stop in and have a drink with the new kids on the block.

The Cinch Saloon is planning a trip to Las Vegas for the weekend of March 24-26. The cost is $225 per person, which includes two nights at the Sahara Hotel (double occupancy only) and round trip air on Reno Air. Gee, this sounds like fun. Maybe we can stop off at the **Liberace** Museum on the way to the hotel and get some fashion tips? If you're interested contact **David Kapp** at the Cinch Saloon at 776-4162.

Mame wants to thank everybody who had a hand in her fabulous 60th birthday bash at Kimo's on Jan. 1. She says she saw more royalty there than she usually sees at a regular coronation. (But where was **Ashtray David?**)

In year-end news, **Barton Dryer** and **yours truly** flew to Portland for a big bash at **Steve Suss'** Embers/Avenue. It was a real blast. The plane trip up was lots of fun, too.

But the best part really was the next day when a whole horde of us went around town visiting local bars and meeting all the bartenders. Ray's Ordinaire Bar & Grille has a very pleasant young man on the plank. His name is **Donnie** and what a treasure he is. Once he got used to us he was really great. (I'm not sure, however, that he'll ever get over **Swizzlestick Susie** – the bane of Ashtray David's existence – who has a perfectly awful habit of missing every ashtray on the bar and landing her burning fags in people's fingers, arms, and necks. You can't take that wench anywhere.)

JQ's Tavern is nice too. We sampled many (oh many) selections from the plentiful beer and wine menu, but were most impressed with the gorgeous bodybuilder (young, of course), named **Mark,** behind the bar. (No, I don't remember his last name, so don't ask; it's not important.) He gets an A in our book.



Lips, circa 1971

My favorite all-around person, though, was **Chris Draus,** who works over at the Embers/Avenue. He moves like lightning and always has a big smile on his face.

But now that the holidays are over and I'm back in the city I have to go on the wagon for at least a month. In three days I downed more **Smirnoff** and **Absolut** than a 747 guzzles gas in a month. You know, at my age it takes a lot longer to recover. But don't despair, I'm as glamorous as ever, and if you don't believe me then get on over to Kimo's and see for yourself. I'm there in the mornings, from 8 to 1 p.m., Wed-Sat.

Strange how people come and go. One of my favorite people from yesteryear, **Jimmy Steiger ("Spanish Rose")**, a fixture at the Kokpit, passed away about four months ago. He was a wonderful person and I'm really going to miss him.

Finally, I hope no one misses Tiger Lily's Leather & Lacey show on Saturday (Jan. 14) in Kimo's showroom. It's a '50s sort of sock hop deal, so dress appropriately. ▼

Lists

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The ranking of these individuals in the order of their importance to gay history is a clever marketing ploy. As the *B.A.R.*'s Aiva Nidnacs found out a few week's back, leave the wrong person off your list of queer celebrities and you're bound to generate discussion, if not downright controversy.

Overall, Russell has a reasonable sense of proportion, though one can't help but wonder why someone like Gore Vidal, who has sparred for half a century on behalf of queers in print and on national TV, is ignored in favor of homo-comelatelies like Ian McKellen and Freddie Mercury. And though money's not everything, billionaire media mogul David Geffen probably warrants a slot as much as Mercury – Geffen's influence has been more extensive and will likely endure longer.

But these are minor quibbles, the type *The Gay 100* intentionally encourages. More significant than Russell's rankings is the breadth of queer history his very readable book encompasses.

Here's looking at you

Willhoite's Hollywood (Alyson, $24.95) is a caricature-per-page survey of gay idols and icons by Michael Willhoite, author of the occasionally controversial kiddies' book *Daddy's Roommate*. Willhoite has had an ongoing love affair with Tinseltown, to which this volume is a testament.

The caricatures are mostly right nice – the ones of imperious Agnes Moorehead, prissy Franklin Pangborn and her royal highness Judy are among the standouts – though when Willhoite's off, he's really off: the drawing of Tom Hulce looks more like Mr. Ed than anything resembling the *Amadeus* star.

As for his anecdotes, Mr. Willhoite is not totally reliable. He declares Sal Mineo's murder an "unsolved mystery," which would come as a big surprise to the con jailed for the crime. The caricaturist has film director Mitchell Leisen later in his career turning to television, which did occur, but writes that "[b]y that time interior decoration (with his lover, Billy Daniels) was his main focus anyway."

Not so. Daniels died in the early '50s before Leisen did TV, and Leisen's "main focus" even in decline was always directing. (Willhoite may be confusing Daniels with George Cukor's decorator pal Billy Haines.)

Peep show

Mart Martin's *The Voyeur's Guide to Men/Women in the Movies* (Contemporary Books, $15.95) is strictly for insomniacs and those who spend a lot of time on the pot. Martin's guide contains the lowdown on who's shown tits, ass, dick and what-not on the silver screen, along with lists of famous screen siblings, stars who have directed lousy pictures (such as Larry Hagman's *Beware! The Blob*), women who have played nymphomaniacs and other not-all-that-scintillating tidbits.

Latin-American survey

From the other end of the intellectual spectrum comes editor David William Foster's *Latin American Writers on Gay and Lesbian Themes: A Bio-Critical Sourcebook* (Greenwood Press, $85). The book surveys selected works of and provides biographical and bibliographical information on several dozen writers. Among these are current or former locals Cherríe Moraga, Francisco X. Alarcón, Sara Levi Calderón, Floyd Salas and Michael Nava.

Additionally, the book covers the "homosocial dimension" in the works of non-gay authors such as Jorge Luis Borges, whose output is nicely dissected by Daniel Altamiranda of the University of Buenos Aires.

Altamiranda also examines the poetry of Borges' compatriot Alejandra Pizarnik. Altamiranda notes that although there is "no doubt" about her sexual identity, "it is quite surprising that beyond oblique remarks, the subject and repercussions of her lesbianism in her writing have not been investigated in depth." Altamiranda's essay points future scholars in helpful directions; *Latin American Writers'* other entries do the same, many times over. ▼

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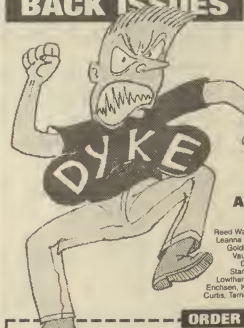
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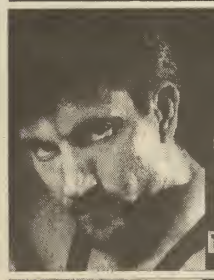
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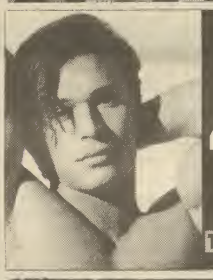


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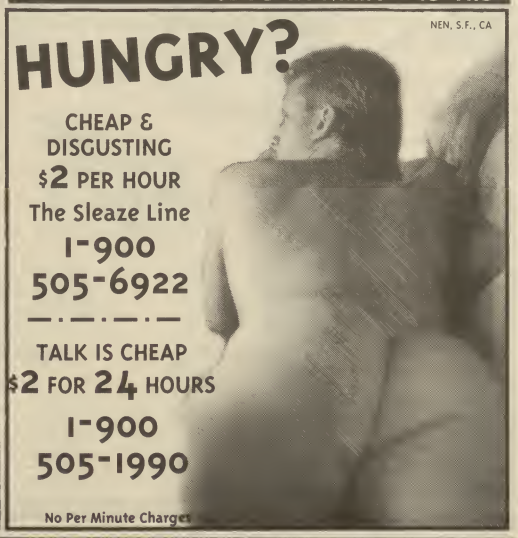




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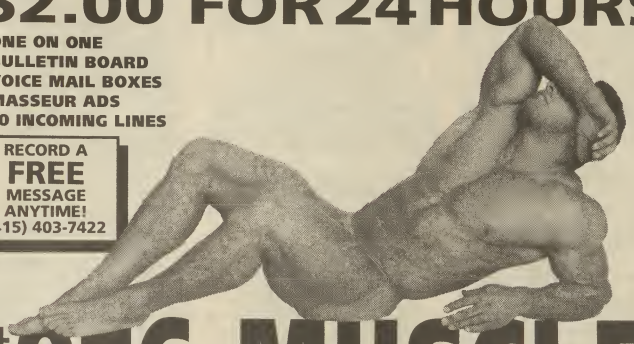


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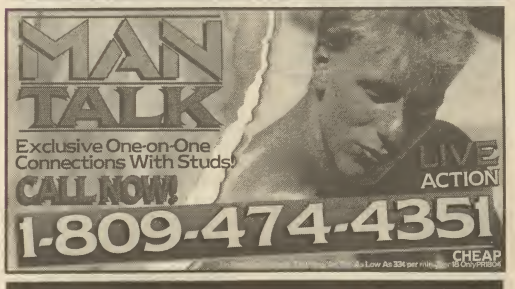
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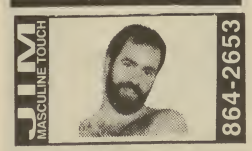
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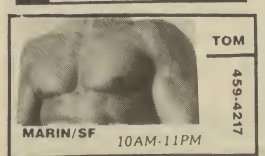
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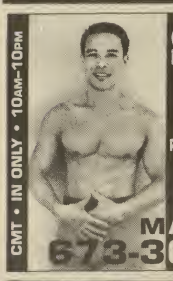
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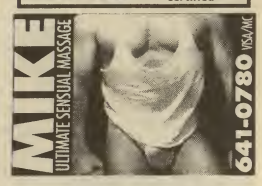
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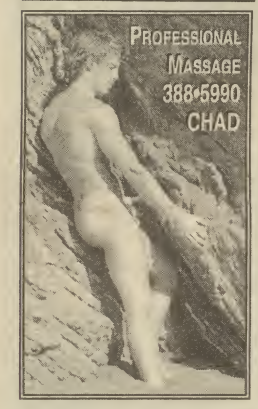


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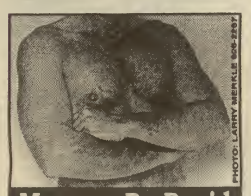


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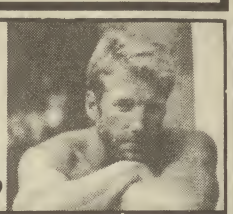
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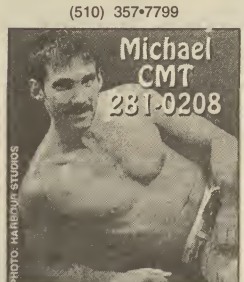
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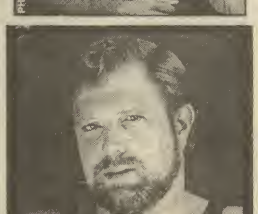
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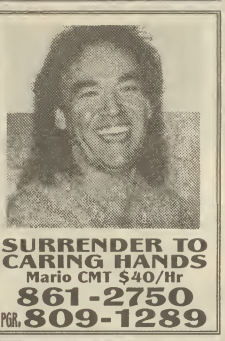
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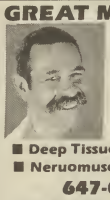


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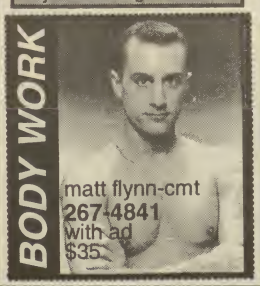
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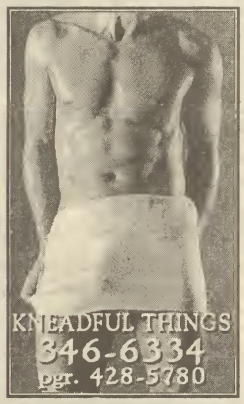
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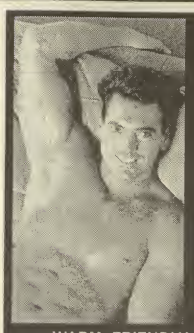


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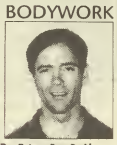
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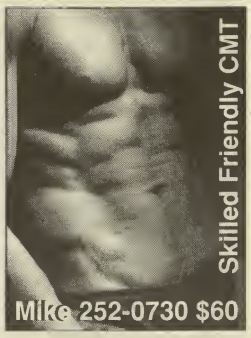
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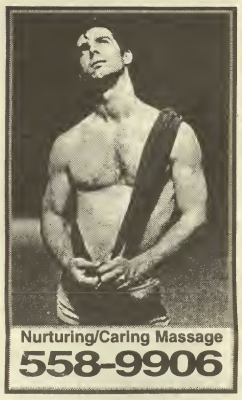
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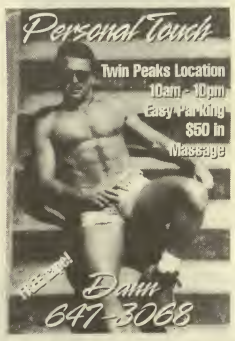


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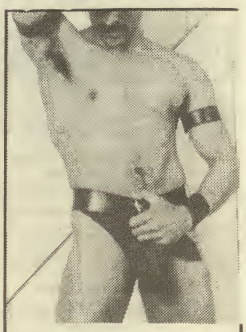


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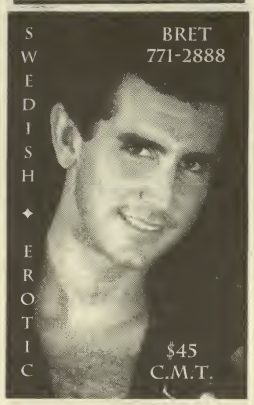


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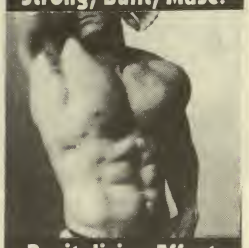
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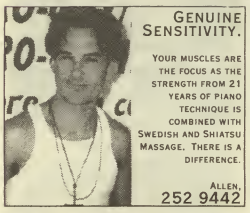
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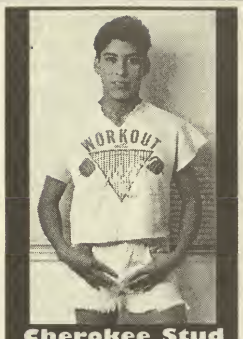
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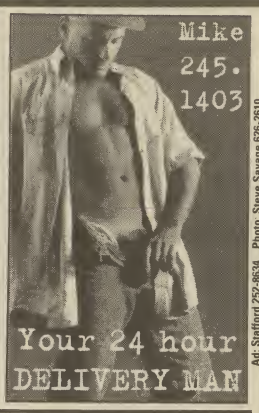


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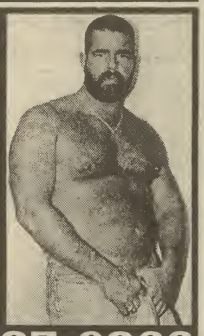
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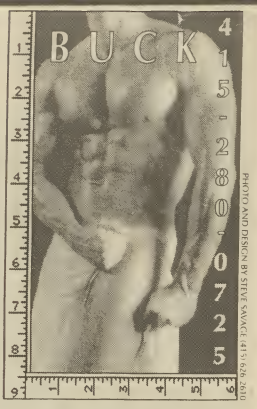
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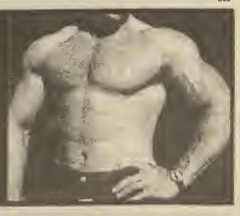
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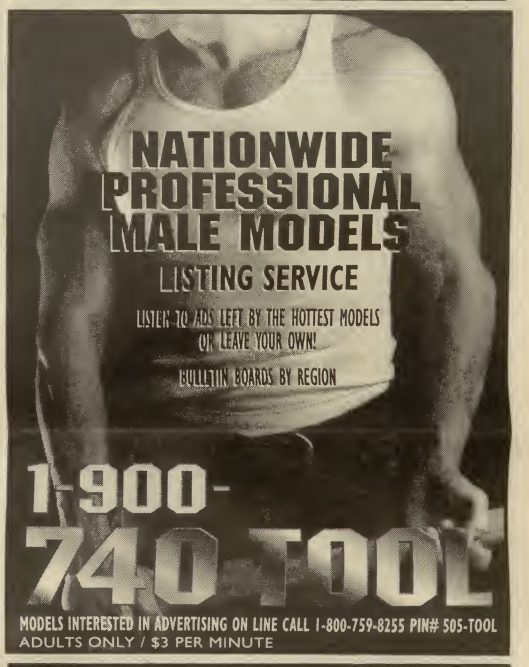
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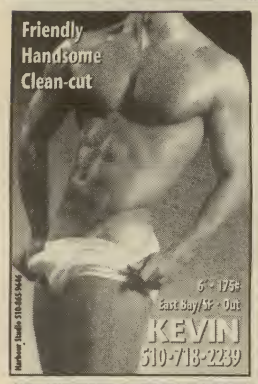
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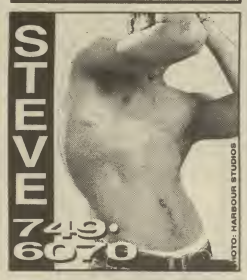
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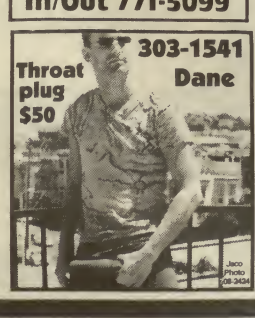
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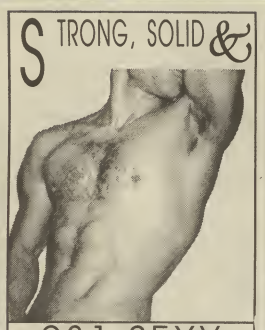
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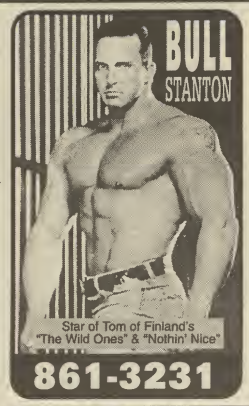
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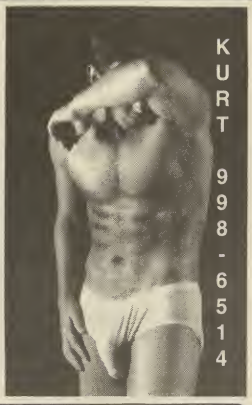
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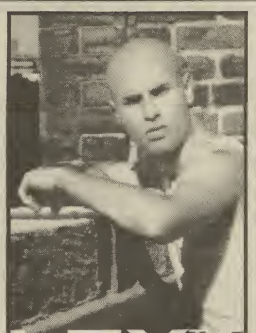
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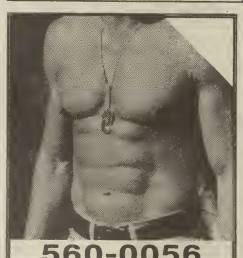

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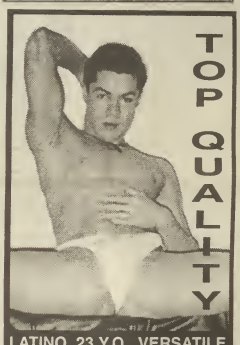

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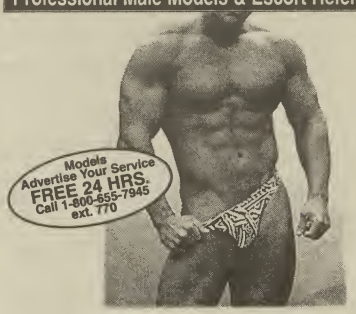
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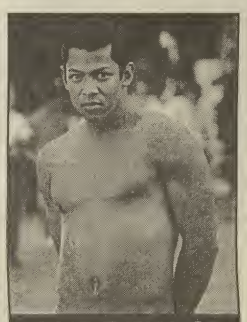
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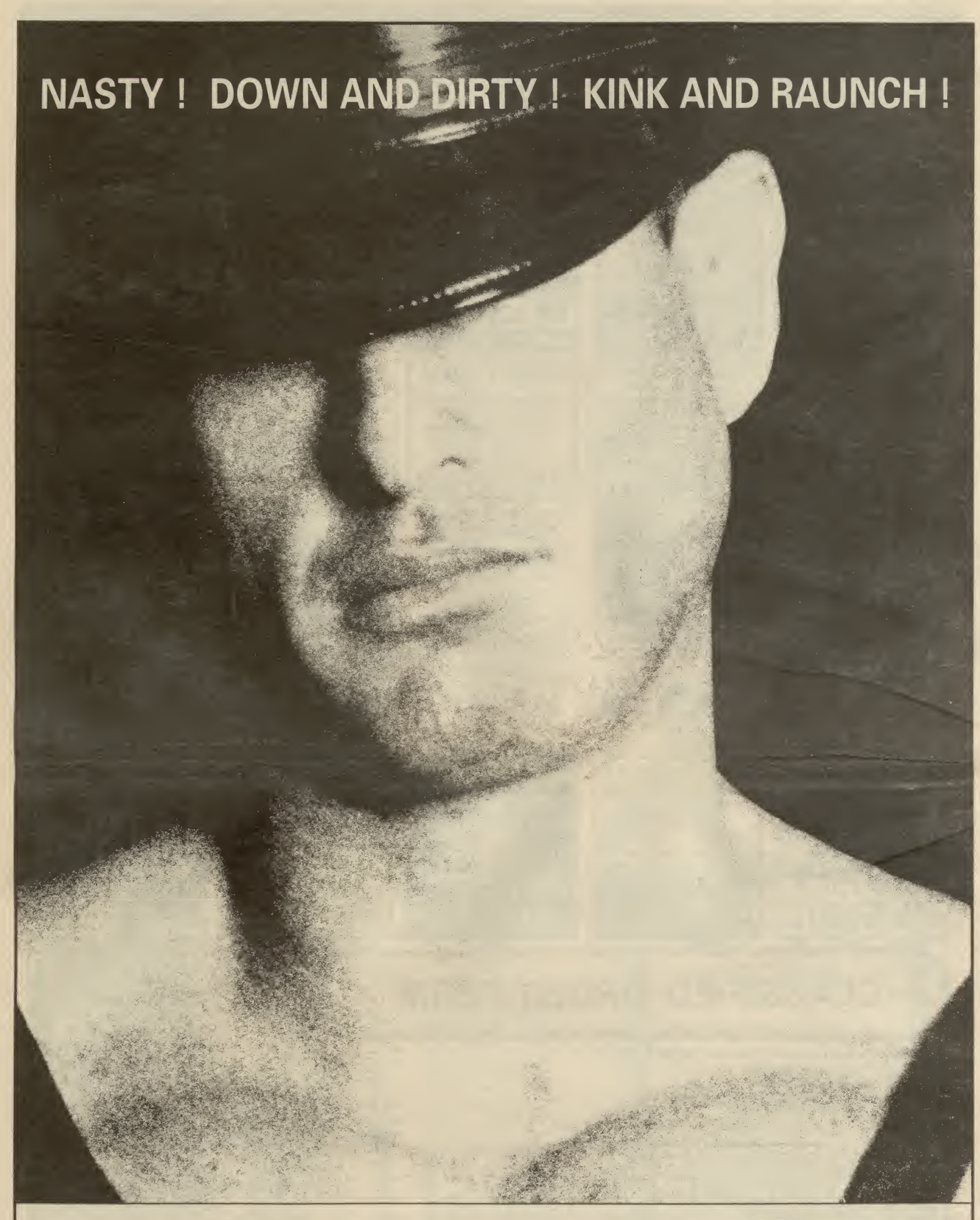
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